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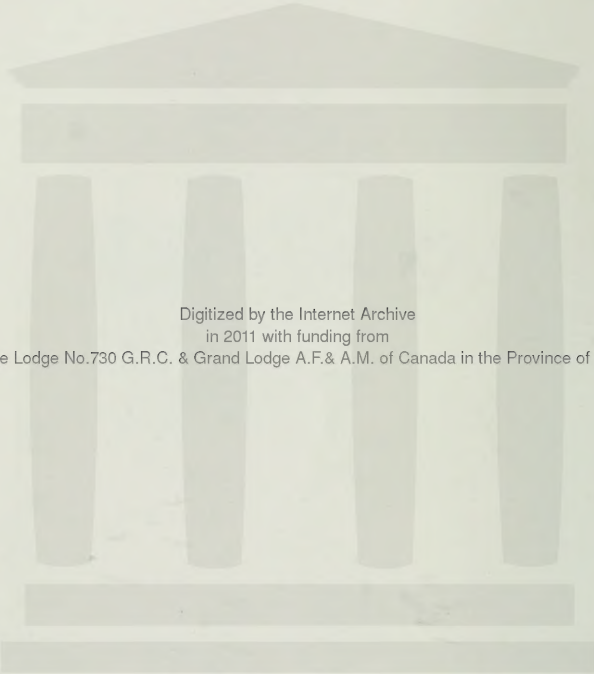


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Most Worshipful Brother
JOHN ALBERT ROWLAND, B. A.

A. F. & A. M.
GRAND LODGE *of* CANADA

In the Province *of* Ontario



PROCEEDINGS



SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE CITIES

of

FORT WILLIAM and PORT ARTHUR

July 21st and 22nd, A.D., 1926, A. L. 5926



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GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Bath, on Wednesday, July 22nd., A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925.

There were present:

M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton.....	as Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. S. Lazier.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. Arthur McGie.....	as Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. W. C. Clark.....	as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. H. A. Morgan.....	as Grand Treasurer
V.W. Bro. W. J. Attig.....	as Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. J. E. Walmsley.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. A. Shepard.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. H. S. Blackmore.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. Jno. Newton.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
V.W. Bro. J. O. Herity.....	as Grand Pursuivant
As Grand Stewards:	
Bros. Lee, McCrudden.	

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at three o'clock, p.m., by the M.W. the acting Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the Corner Stone of the new St. John's Church.

The Brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper position at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Twenty-second day of July, A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925, in the Sixteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour, Harry Cockshutt, Esquire, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Canada.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, B.A., being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, being Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. John W. Pinkerton, being D.D.G.M. of the Frontenac Masonic District.

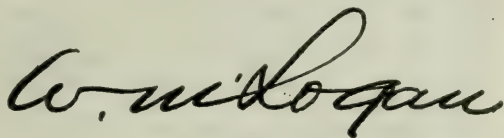
THIS CORNER STONE

of the St. John's Church was laid by M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Past Grand Master, assisted by the acting Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren and residents of the Village of Bath and the surrounding country.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the Brethren returned to the Lodge room where Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. M. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA**In the Province of Ontario****PROCEEDINGS**

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Dryden, on Wednesday, September 30th, A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925.

There were present:

R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe.....	as Grand Master
R.W. Bro. A. M. Taylor.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Thos. Proudfoot.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. D. G. Dingwall.....	as Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. D. W. Scott.....	as Grand Chaplain
Bro. A. Burton.....	as Grand Treasurer
Wor. Bro. A. Berry.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
Wor. Bro. A. Clempson.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
Wor. Bro. F. Pinkerton.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Geo. Wice.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
Bro. Swan Swanson.....	as Grand Pursuivant
Wor. Bro. H. Humphreys.....	as Asst. Grand Secretary
Bro. H. Wilde.....	as Grand Sword Bearer

As Grand Stewards:

Bros. J. Stevenson, M. S. Campbell

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 3.30 o'clock, by the R.W. the acting Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Dryden.

The Brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Thirtieth day of September, A.D. 1925.
A.L. 5925, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our
Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions
beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Em-
peror of India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, being Gov-
ernor General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King being
Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. Harry Cockshutt being Lieutenant-
Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. George H. Ferguson being Premier of
the Province of Ontario.

Alfred Pitt, being Mayor of the Town of Dryden.

Dougald Kennedy, being member for the Con-
stituency of Kenora in the Parliament of the Dom-
inion of Canada.

Peter Heenan, being member for the Constituen-
cy of Kenora in the Legislative Assembly of the
Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, being Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, being Deputy
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. George H. Coe, being District Deputy
Grand Master of Algoma Masonic District.

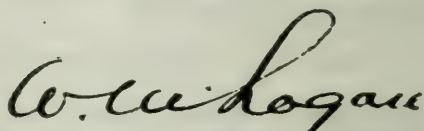
THIS CORNER STONE

of the Masonic Temple at Dryden was laid by R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe, District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren and citizens of the Town of Dryden and the surrounding District.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records, in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The R.W. the acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the Brethren returned to the Lodge room, when Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. W. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Toronto, on Saturday, the Fifth day of December, A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925.

There were present:

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. A. L. Tinker.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. A. J. Murray.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. J. W. Wansbrough.....	Grand Junior Warden
W. Bro. Rev. H. R. Young.....	as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. D. Robertson.....	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. Geo. S. Henry.....	Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. H. Spence.....	Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. Bro. W. J. J. Butler.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. E. W. Barber.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
V.W. Bro. H. M. Challenger.....	as Grand Pursuivant
As Grand Stewards:	
V.W. Bro. A. M. Thorne, V.W. Bro. E. M. Leith, V.W. Bro.	
J. Dalby, V.W. Bro. A. M. Smith, V.W. Bro. E. H. Richards,	
V.W. Bro. A. F. Hazelwood, V.W. Bro. A. Campbell.	

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at three o'clock p.m., by the M.W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the Corner Stone of the York Masonic Temple.

The Brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Fifth day of December, A.D. 1925, A.L. 5925,
in the Sixteenth year of the reign of our Most
Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions
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His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, being Gov-
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being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor Harry Cockshutt, Esquire, being
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson, being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

Richard L. Baker, M.P., being member for the
constituency of York, in the Parliament of the Dom-
inion of Canada.

Hon. Geo. S. Henry, M.L.A., being member for
the Constituency of York, in the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Ontario.

Thomas Foster, being Mayor of the City of
Toronto.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, being Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, being Deputy
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Ernest W. Barber, being District
Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto "C" Masonic
District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the York Masonic Temple was laid by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren and citizens of the City of Toronto and surrounding District.

The Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the Brethren returned to the Lodge room, when Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. McLogan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary."

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA**In the Province of Ontario****PROCEEDINGS**

At the Seventy-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, commencing Wednesday, July 21st, A.D. 1926, A.L. 5926.

There were present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. John S. Martin.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Ostler.....Grand Senior Warden
 R.W. Bro. Jas. W. Wansbrough.....Grand Junior Warden
 M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....Grand Treasurer
 R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. Rev. R. J. M. Perkins.....Grand Chaplain

PAST GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe.....Fort William
 " David P. MacFarlane...Harriston
 " Robt. J. Mumford.....Glencoe
 " Walter T. Kingston....Cardinal
 " John D. Cunningham...Alliston
 " James Gill.....Hamilton
 " Smith A. Wait.....Hamilton
 " Wm. D. Love.....London
 " Henry J. Bird, Jr.....Bracebridge
 " Thos. O. Johnston.....Port Dalhousie
 " Jas. W. Rawlins.....Copper Cliff
 " A. P. Mewhinney.....Paisley
 " Wm. E. Clarke.....Oshawa
 " Jas. Reeves.....Eganville
 " Thos. P. Lancaster.....Havelock
 " Jesse W. Barlow.....Belleville
 " Roy P. Kent.....Courtright
 " T. D. Orme.....Lucan

"	Chris. M. Forbes.....	Perth
"	H. E. Freeman.....	Aylmer
"	Jos. Penman.....	New Liskeard
"	Peter M. Grant.....	Toronto
"	Jos. S. A. Whealy.....	Toronto
"	Ernest W. Barber.....	Toronto
"	Geo. D. Shore.....	Woodbridge
"	Geo. W. Hall.....	Lindsay
"	E. Y. Barraclough.....	Glen Williams
"	Wm. S. McDonald.....	Tillsonburg
"	E. T. Howe.....	Windsor

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

GRAND LODGE OF

M.W. Bro.	E. T. Malone.....	Ireland
R.W. Bro.	A. J. Young.....	Alberta
"	Thos. Rowe.....	Prince Edward Is.
"	Thos. Shanks.....	Quebec
"	J. McC. Potts.....	Queensland
"	A. F. Webster.....	Tasmania
"	F. Symes.....	Alabama
"	Geo. H. Smith.....	Connecticut
"	R. F. Richardson.....	Idaho
"	J. B. Way.....	Maine
"	C. W. Haentschel.....	Minnesota
"	W. M. Logan.....	New York
"	W. S. Herrington.....	North Carolina
"	Geo. Moore.....	Ohio
M.W. Bro.	J. A. Rowland.....	South Dakota
R.W. Bro.	A. J. Anderson.....	Tennessee
M.W. Bro.	Wm. N. Ponton.....	Texas
R.W. Bro.	Jos. Fowler.....	West Virginia
"	Henry Rush.....	Wisconsin
"	J. M. Malcolm.....	Chili

The Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge took their chairs at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME BY THE MAYORS OF FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR

The Mayors of the Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur were formally introduced by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. W. J. Moore, and were invited to the dais when His Worship the Mayor of Fort William, J. E. Crawford, addressed the Grand Master as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

You have come from the four quarters of this grand old Province of Ontario for your Annual Communication, and I cannot help but feel that of all the honors which may be bestowed on this occasion, the greatest honor of all falls to your humble servant in being called upon to welcome you to our young and growing City here at the head of fresh water navigation, gateway to the golden west. If I were only extending to you a personal welcome it would indeed be a great pleasure, but when I have assurances on every hand that our citizens join me in this welcome the pleasure is greatly enhanced.

Our City is honored by your coming, for full well we know that to us has come the privilege of entertaining men worthy of our esteem and confidence and men holding honorable positions, not only in our noble Craft but also honorable positions in the institutions and affairs of our beloved Dominion.

Larger and more pretentious Cities have invited you to share in their hospitality but the fact that you decided to come to our Twin Cities on this the occasion of your Seventy-first Annual Communication thrills us with what we might modestly term a pardonable pride.

We are proud of our City, and hope that during your visit with us you may have the opportunity of learning something of our history. Here it was, in early days, the noble redman skimmed our waters in his birch bark canoe, and here at the mouth of our majestic Kaministiquia, centuries ago, he bartered his pelts for the necessities of life, brought to our shores by the adventurous representatives of the great fur companies. Legends of the by-gone days are very dear to our people. On a summer evening as we look out over the dreamy blue of our great inland sea, with its rugged shores crimsoned by the last rays of the setting sun and we listen to the stories of the Sleeping Giant, the Thunder Eagle and old Mount McKay, we dwell in the memories and the magic of the past, and full expression is given to fancy and imagination. May I wish for you that while you mingle with us you

may catch something of the lure and the charm which begets in us a passionate love for our native shores.

Situated, as we are, at the head of the Lakes, we have been very closely identified with the opening up and development of our Western Provinces. We are proud of the historical significance attached to the fact that in the troublous days of the early seventies, Lord Wolseley and his valiant troops set out from Thunder Bay on their long march, cutting their way through virgin forest to play their part in the preservation of law and order in our new Dominion. The Dawson road leading out from our sister City bears silent testimony to the loyalty and devotion of Her Majesty's brave soldiers of those early days, and as we pass along the old trail today we pay tribute to their memory and to their heroism.

May I recall your attention briefly to our industrial life. Our district is rich in its agricultural possibilities and our immediate vicinity abounds in mineral wealth. We are looking forward to the almost immediate development of our mineral resources which will mark New Ontario as one of the richest mining areas in our Dominion. The development of these resources will naturally mean growth and prosperity for our Twin Cities, and consequently we feel justified in taking an optimistic view regarding our future possibilities.

You have already seen our elevators, and it may be of interest to you to know that our Twin Cities boast a larger grain storage capacity than any other port in the world. At the commencement of my address I made reference to the golden west, and when I tell you that in one crop year there passed through our elevators here three hundred and eighty-two million bushels of grain from the western field, you will probably better understand the reference; also when I tell you that on different occasions a lake freighter built at our Port Arthur shipyards moved out from our wharves carrying a cargo of over 500,000 bushels of wheat or the product of 25,000 acres of land on the basis of 20 bushels per acre, you will!

realize something of our importance as a shipping centre.

I might say more along similar lines, but I must not weary you before your work begins. I am conscious of the fact, gentlemen, that you are here, not to listen to a lengthy address from me, but primarily to attend to the work of the Order you represent, and incidentally to enjoy yourselves as best you can in your leisure moments. In your work I wish you abundant success and in your leisure I sincerely hope you may enjoy every moment of your time. Visit our industries, our parks, our waterfalls, our mountain—all are yours while you are our guests.

Again I bid you welcome and let me assure you that our earnest wish is that as you return to your homes you may carry away pleasant memories of your visit with us.

After he had finished, His Worship the Mayor of Port Arthur, Milton Francis, spoke:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, officers and members of Grand Lodge,

Our Port Arthur citizens desire me to state that they are delighted that you have again chosen our Lakehead Cities for Grand Lodge Communication and to endorse the warm cordial welcome extended by my good friend His Worship Bro. Crawford, the Mayor of Fort William. There are many reasons contributing to the desirability of your using our Twin Cities as a convention centre. These reasons are familiar to you. To us, somewhat isolated from old Ontario, it is an event looked forward to as it affords our local Brethren an opportunity to see the workings of Grand Lodge that by reason of our isolation is not an opportunity as often afforded as were they residents of a more easterly community within comparatively short distance of your usual places of meeting.

Since you last met here we have made somewhat remarkable progress nationally, and as communities

as well as Masonically. It is sufficient to say that Canada has, comparatively speaking, the biggest favorable trade balance in the world. This is reflected in the progress referred to. We extend you a wholehearted, sincere welcome rejoicing with you in these improved conditions.

My friend the Mayor of our enterprising and hospitable sister City has spoken somewhat of the growth of our cities by reason of development of our natural resources. May I briefly allude to one or two historical points that will possibly be of interest.

It might naturally be assumed that in a new pioneer country such as ours there might not be historical interest characteristic of older established communities. Such, however, is not the case. I would recommend that you familiarize yourselves with our ancient Indian inhabitants' legends, the Ojibways and Algonquins of old. To my mind there is little more beautiful than the poems describing the turning into solid stone depicted in the Sleeping Giant guarding the entrance of our harbor of Nanna Bijou, an Ojibway Hercules, who was responsible for the terrible Thunder of Thunder Bay. You may see him sleeping there anytime you wish to look out on the Bay. Then the Nokomis and Hiawatha of Longfellow and the beautiful pictures therein depicted and other equally picturesque and gripping legend and story.

One can go back to 1678 to the visit here of such intrepid explorers and pioneers as Duluth and La Toircette who founded the first fur trading fort on the North Shore of Lake Superior. The present city of Duluth is named after Duluth who journeyed there from here; and so on down to 1800 when this was one of the most important points maintained by the Hudson's Bay Company, when fur traders ruled with iron hand and bloodshed; also the rivalries between them and competitors; of the founding of Fort William on the banks of the Kaministiquia River, an Indian name meaning a river of many mouths; down to 1870, when the Red River Force under Sir Garnet Wolseley,

which included Prince Arthur of Connaught, later Duke of Connaught, himself a Mason of high degree, and naming the present Port Arthur after him; to September 1883 when the first Manitoba wheat was shipped by the vessel Erin, a 10,000-bushel cargo, in itself a momentous occasion; as well as the arrival of the first small cargo of coal for western consumption in 1882; the story of the Silver Islet, the founding of Shuniah Masonic Lodge some fifty or sixty odd years ago; the coming of the C.P. and C.N. Rys., the whole period is filled with legend and historical and industrial romance of intense interest, but time will not permit of indulgence in them here.

From these beginnings, Brethren, there has been developed the present thriving cities whose citizens say to you today that they are glad to welcome you and venture to hope that your deliberations will be profitable and your visit a pleasant one.

The M.W. the Grand Master responded briefly, expressing his gratitude on behalf of Grand Lodge for the many courtesies which had already been extended to the visiting Brethren by the Masons of the Twin Cities, and the delight which he and all the delegates felt at again returning to the two beautiful ports at the head of the lakes.

FIRST DAY

GRAND LODGE OPENED

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and the Grand Chaplain asked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the proceedings.

The M.W. the Grand Master gave permission to all Masons in good standing to enter and occupy the side seats.

Following are the names of those present:

No. 5, Sussex, Brockville. W. Bro. W. G. Kennedy, W.M.
W. Bro. J. A. Derbyshire, P.M.

No. 6, Barton, Hamilton. R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 9, Union, Napanee. W. Bro. Geo. D. Robson, W.M.
R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, P.M.

No. 11, Moira, Belleville. W. Bro. F. G. Chamberlain,
W.M. R.W. Bro. J. W. Barlow, P.M.

No. 16, St. Andrew's, Toronto. W. Bro. P. L. Fraser,
W.M. R.W. Bro. J. S. A. Whealy, V.W. Bro. W. Lawrence,
W. Bro. G. C. Kirby, P.Ms.

No. 17, St. John's, Cobourg. Bro. Thos. Hardcastle, S.W.

No. 18, Prince Edward, Picton. W. Bro. Walter T. Pope,
W.M.

No. 20, St. John's, London. W. Bro. P. T. Doig, W.M.
R.W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, P.M.

No. 21, St. John's, Vankleek Hill. W. Bro. D. J. McIntosh,
W.M.

No. 22, King Solomon's, Toronto. R.W. Bro. John Tanner, P.M. and Proxy. W. Bros. E. A. Dolson, J. McL. Hartley, P.Ms.

No. 23, Richmond, Richmond Hill. W. Bro. J. R. Her-
rington, W.M. R.W. Bro. J. H. Dunlop, V.W. Bro. T. A.
Lamon, W. Bro. P. C. Hill, P.Ms.

No. 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. R. G. Allport,
W.M. R.W. Bro. R. M. Ferguson, P.M.

No. 25, Ionic, Toronto. W. Bro. John D. Spence, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 26, Ontario, Port Hope. W. Bro. L. C. Boney, W.M.

No. 27, Strict Observance, Hamilton. R. W. Bros. Wm. M. Logan, P.M. and Proxy, G. R. Lloyd, P.M.

No. 28, Mount Zion, Kemptville. W. Bro. W. A. McClenaghan, W.M.

No. 31, Jerusalem, Bowmanville. W. Bro. John Baker, W.M. R.W. Bro. G. C. Bonnycastle, W. Bro. Thos. Annison, P.Ms.

No. 34, Thistle, Amherstburg. W. Bro. J. E. McGee, W.M.

No. 35, St. John's, Cayuga. W. Bro. J. L. Mitchener, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 38, Trent, Trenton. W. Bro. M. W. Andison, W.M.

No. 40, St. John's, Hamilton. W. Bro. F. W. Sprules, P. M. and Proxy. R.W. Bros. Wm. M. Logan and James Gill, P.Ms.

No. 43, King Solomon's, Woodstock. W. Bro. W. McWhinnie, W.M. W. Bro. J. M. Stevens, P.M.

No. 44, St. Thomas, St. Thomas. W. Bro. F. H. Baldwin. W.M...R.W. Bro. T. L. Cochrane, P.M.

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No. 505, Lynden, Lynden. W. Bro. C. F. T. Woodley, W.M.

No. 506, Porcupine, S. Porcupine. W. Bro. W. H. Johns, W.M. W. Bro. E. J. Mason, P.M.

No. 508, Ozias, Brantford. W. Bro. Geo. A. Elliott, W.M. V.W. Bro. R. T. Stillman, P.M.

No. 509, Twin City, Kitchener. W. Bro. Jas. Swinton, W.M. W. Bro. J. A. Hallman, P.M.

No. 510, Parkdale, Toronto. W. Bro. C. E. Warnock, W.M.

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No. 513, Corinthian, Hamilton. V.W. Bro. J. R. Croft, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 514, St. Alban's, Toronto. W. Bro. T. C. Kremer, W.M.

No. 515, Reba, Brantford. W. Bro. E. L. Gothard, W.M.

No. 517, Hazeldean, Hazeldean. W. Bro. A. M. McCormick, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 518, Sioux Lookout, Sioux Lookout. W. Bro. A. E. Hainsworth, P.M. and Proxy. W. Bros. R. H. Shields, P.Ms.

No. 519, Onondaga, Onondaga. R.W. Bro. E. E. Wood, P.M. and Proxy.

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No. 522, Mount Sinai, Toronto. W. Bro. A. Singer, W.M.

No. 523, Royal Arthur, Peterborough. W. Bro. G. W. Haley, P.M.

No. 524, Mississauga, Port Credit. R.W. Geo. H. Smith and Proxy.

No. 525, Temple, Toronto. W. Bro. J. R. Jackson, W.M.

No. 526, Ionic, Westboro. W. Bro. A. J. Mason, W.M.

No. 527, Espanola, Espanola. W. Bro. Andrew Forbes, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 528, Golden Beaver, Timmins. W. Bro. W. W. White, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 530, Cochrane, Cochrane. W. Bro. R. C. Mortson, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 531, High Park, Toronto. V.W. Bro. R. B. Magill. W. Bros. E. J. Redpath, W. J. Moore, W. C. Burch, P.Ms.

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No. 536, Algonquin, Copper Cliff. W. Bro. A. H. Abell, W.M. R.W. Bro. J. W. Rawlins, P.M.

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No. 541, Tuscan, Toronto. W. Bro. S. G. Nicholls, W.M. R.W. Bro. L. E. Lane, P.M.

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No. 543, Imperial, Toronto. W. Bro. Thos. McDonald, W.M. W. Bro. D. S. L. McDougall, P.M.

No. 545, John Ross Robertson, Toronto. W. Bro. P. F. Harman, W.M. W. Bros. H. G. French, A. M. Heron, P.Ms.

No. 546, Talbot, St. Thomas. W. Bro. T. G. M. Jamieson, W.M. Bro. W. C. Oke, S.W.

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No. 550, Buchanan, Hamilton. W. Bro. Wm. Davies, W.M.

No. 552, Queen City, Toronto. W. Bro. W. A. Mathieson, W.M.

No. 553, Oakwood, Toronto. W. Bro. John M. Andrews, W.M.

No. 554, Border Cities, Windsor. W. Bro. W. J. Miller, W.M. Bro. A. E. McGilvray, S.W. Bro. T. F. Groves, J.W. R.W. Bro. E. T. Howe, P.M.

No. 555, Wardrope, Hamilton. R.W. Bro. Wm. Ostler, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 558, Sidney Albert Luke, Ottawa. W. Bro. W. M. Stanton, W.M. W. Bro. H. F. Hardy, P.M.

No. 559, Palestine, Toronto. W. Bro. E. J. Redpath, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 560, St. Andrew's, Ottawa. W. Bro. A. K. Stewart, W.M.

No. 561, Acacia, Westboro. W. Bro. A. P. McLennan, W.M.

No. 562, Hamilton, Hamilton. V.W. Bro. W. J. Attig, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 563, Victory, Chatham. W. Bro. Sucee, W.M. R.W. Bro. Rev. R. J. M. Perkins, P.M.

No. 564, Ashlar, Ottawa. W. Bro. W. J. Webber, W.M.

No. 565, Kilwinning, Toronto. W. Bro. Alex MacKenzie, W.M. R.W. Bro. Thos. Forsyth, W. Bros. A. L. Burch, Alex. Hain, P.Ms.

No. 566, King Hiram, Toronto. W. Bro. S. F. Albertson, W.M.

No. 570, Dufferin, Toronto. W. Bro. T. A. Carson, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 571, Antiquity, Toronto. W. Bro. G. L. McHenry, W.M. W. Bro. P. K. Perry, P.M.

No. 572, Mizpah, Toronto. W. Bro. E. P. Tuite, W.M.

No. 573, Adoniram, Niagara Falls. W. Bro. D. G. McGillivray, W.M.

No. 574, Craig, Ailsa Craig. W. Bro. John A. Bell, W.M.

No. 575, Fidelity, Toronto. W. Bro. F. M. Dillman, W.M. W. Bro. E. A. Dolson, P.M.

No. 576, Mimosa, Toronto. W. Bro. A. M. Heron, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 577, St. Clair, Toronto. R.W. Bro. L. E. Lane, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 579, Harmony, Windsor. Bro. E. T. Welsh, J.W. W. Bros. J. K. Thompson, F. J. Hughes, P.Ms.

No. 580, Acacia, London. W. Bro. J. H. C. Woodward, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 581, Harcourt, Toronto. R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 582, Sunnyside, Toronto. W. Bro. R. T. Hogg, W.M.

No. 583, Transportation, Toronto. W. Bro. F. V. Slemin, W.M.

No. 584, Kaministiquia, Fort William. W. Bro. W. K. Wickens, W.M. Bro. F. J. Rathbone, S.W. Bro. M. F. Beyer, J. W. W. Bros. R. S. Dell, R. B. Pow, F. Symes, H. Faulkner, J. E. Swinburne, S. C. Read, P.Ms.

No. 586, War Veterans, Toronto. W. Bro. J. McL. Hartley, P.M.

No. 587, Patricia, Toronto. W. Bro. Geo. S. Warner, W.M.

No. 588, National, Capreol. W. Bro. J. H. Healey, W.M.

No. 590, Defenders, Ottawa. W. Bro. W. C. N. Marriott, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 591, North Gate, Toronto. W. Bro. E. S. Brown, W.M. M.W. Bro. H. Linney, P.M.

No. 592, Fairbank, Toronto. W. Bro. H. S. Clugston, W.M.

No. 593, St. Andrew's, Hamilton. W. Bro. F. W. Davidson, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 594, Hillcrest, Hamilton. W. Bro. R. L. Douglas, W.M.

No. 595, Rideau, Ottawa. W. Bro. J. McConnell, W.M.

No. 597, Temple, London. W. Bro. W. M. Messer, W.M.

No. 598, Dominion, Windsor. W. Bro. R. T. W. Flewellyn, W.M. Bro. C. Fraser, S.W. Bro. T. G. Douglas, J.W.

No. 599, Mount Dennis, Mount Dennis. W. Bro. F. C. Smith, W.M.

No. 600, Maple Leaf, Toronto. W. Bro. J. Dorricott, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 601, St. Paul's, Sarnia. W. Bro. John T. Elliott, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 602, Hugh Murray, Hamilton. W. Bro. H. R. Hall, W.M. R.W. Bro. S. A. Wait, P.M.

No. 604, Palace, Windsor. W. Bro. C. A. Campbell, W.M.

No. 606, Unity, Toronto. R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 607, Golden Fleece, Toronto. R.W. Bro. E. A. James, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 608, Gothic, Lindsay. W. Bro. M. S. Mowat, W.M.

No. 612, Birch Cliff, Birch Cliff. W. Bro. W. J. Merrill, W.M.

No. 616, Perfection, St. Catharines. W. Bro. A. M. McComb, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 617, North Bay, North Bay. W. Bro. J. E. Gardiner, W.M. Bro. R. F. Mason, S.W. W. Bro. John Jago, P.M.

No. 618, Thunder Bay, Port Arthur. W. Bro. H. S. Chase, W.M. Bro. C. N. Simpson, S.W. Bro. D. J. Cowan, J.W. W. Bros. A. H. Knutson, C. S. McComb, P.Ms.

No. 619, Runnymede, Toronto. W. Bro. R. E. Johnston, W.M. R.W. Bro. J. A. Slade, P.M.

No. 620, Bay of Quinte, Toronto. R.W. Bro. J. A. Slade, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 623, Doric, Kirkland Lake. W. Bro. D. L. Cramp, W.M.

No. 625, Hatherly, Sault Ste. Marie. W. Bro. A. H. Hugill, W.M. R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, P.M.

No. 627, Pelee, Pelee Island. W. Bro. Rev. Chas. E. Mills, W.M.

No. 628, Glenrose, Elmira. W. Bro. Jas. B. Jarrell, W.M.

No. 629, Grenville, Toronto. R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 630, Prince of Wales, Toronto. R.W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, W.M. R.W. Bro. Thos. Forsyth, P.M.

No. 636, Hornepayne, Hornepayne. W. Bro. Thos. H. Batters, W.M. R.W. Bro. D. H. Currie, P.M.

No. 637, Caledonia, Toronto. W. Bro. D. S. L. McDougall, W.M. R.W. Bros. B. Cairns, T. Forsyth, P.Ms.

No. 638, Bedford, Toronto. W. Bro. T. A. Lamon, W.M.

RECEPTION OF GUESTS

M.W. Bros. E. T. Malone and W. N. Ponton were directed by the Grand Master to retire and introduce the following distinguished guests of Grand Lodge, who were graciously received at the altar by the Grand Master and welcomed with Grand Honors: M.W. Bros. J. C. Walker Reid, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; Frank C. Falkenstein, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota; Albert L. Crossin, Past Grand Master of Manitoba; James A. Ovas, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary of Manitoba; Lou B. Winsor, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary of Michigan; R.W. Bros. Wm. H. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain of Michigan; John Fishel, Grand Secretary of Minnesota; J. R. Yorke, Grand Registrar of Saskatchewan.

These noted Brethren were then invited to be seated on the dais.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM THE LODGES OF THE TWIN CITIES

A deputation from the seven Lodges in Fort William and Port Arthur was introduced and received with honors. On their behalf, R.W. Bro. Geo. H.

Coo, D.D.G.M. of Algoma District, read the following address:

To the Most Worshipful Bro. J. A. Rowland, Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

As the Worshipful Masters of the seven Lodges of the Twin Cities, it is our honored privilege, on behalf of the members of the Craft in the Thunder Bay District, to welcome you on this Seventy-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. There are times, Most Worshipful Sir, when words are quite inadequate to express our real feelings, but we can assure you that it is a very great honor to have the official leader of the Craft, along with the many distinguished officers and members of the Grand Lodge, in our midst, and may we avail ourselves of the opportunity of congratulating the representatives of the Grand Lodge of 1925 in their wise and good judgment in electing so worthy a leader—worthy by position, worthy by achievement, worthy by conspicuous service to the Craft in general, worthy by personal character, to occupy the highest and most distinguished office, that of Grand Master.

We are proud and thankful that among the good gifts that the Great Architect of the Universe has bestowed upon us has been the gift of a noble official leader, for, Most Worshipful Sir, Masonry occupies a large place in the esteem of the Twin Cities, and let us say to you from our hearts that we not only profoundly esteem and respect you for your office and your services, but for what you are—one of the makers of the Craft, in the Mother Grand Lodge of Canada, and as your deliberations are carried on at the gateway of the Great West, may they not only be profitable to the Craft in general, but a pleasure to you and to your officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge.

And while again extending to you a cordial welcome, we wish to remind you, as no doubt many of you are already aware, that the Twin Cities at the head of the lakes are not without some historic interest. There lies to the East, to guard our ports, nature's silent sentry, the Sleeping Giant, and looking down upon us, to guard our actions and to keep us within due bounds, is the noble Mount McKay from whose top we are lavishly supplied with the purest beverage that nature can produce—the crystal water of Loch Lomond.

May your stay be pleasant, and we ask you, one and all, to take back to your homes the good will and fraternal greetings of your Brethren of Fort William, Port Arthur, Rainy River, Kenora and the Thunder Bay Districts.

Shuniah No. 287,
F. G. Lovelady, W.M.

Fort William No. 415,
E. Sutcliffe, W.M.

Royal No. 453,
J. H. Irwin, W.M.

Port Arthur No. 499,
J. W. Maunder, W.M.

Connaught No. 511, Kaministiquia No. 584,
C. E. Schoales, W.M. W. K. Wickens, W.M.

Thunder Bay No. 618,
H. S. Chase. W.M.

To this address the Grand Master replied in fitting terms, again expressing the heart-felt thanks of all the delegates for their hospitable reception, and the many tokens of love and hospitality which had been showered upon the visitors on every side.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The roll of Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge was then read by the Grand Secretary. The representatives were welcomed by the Grand Master and were requested to convey the best wishes and courtesies of this Grand Lodge to the sister Grand Lodges which they respectively represented.

RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order were then read by the Grand Secretary.

READING OF MINUTES

The Grand Secretary began to read the minutes of the last Annual Communication, held at Hamilton, Wednesday and Thursday, July 15th and 16th, 1925, when it was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and resolved: That the minutes of the last Annual Communication, having been printed and distributed to the Lodges, they be now taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Albert Rowland, B.A., then delivered his address, as follows:

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Once more we are assembled to review the work for the Masonic year that has just closed and in the light of the knowledge and experience it has brought to lay our plans for the year to come. It is a familiar thought that we are living in strange and perplexing times. The old order is breaking down; a new one is struggling to take its place. And I sometimes think that out of the chaos and confusion of these recent years there is emerging, slowly, perhaps, but surely and into a clearer light, something that bears a strange and striking likeness to what we call the Spirit of Masonry.

It may be that the period now under review will find a place in history. It has been the witness of two outstanding events which have for us a more than passing interest and shed a hopeful light upon the way in which we are moving. In the Autumn of 1925 there gathered around a table in a little town in Switzerland statesmen of the leading nations in Europe, in an attempt to discover a plan that might for some time at least ensure the peace and safety of that important part of the world. It is true that the hopes and aspirations that were awakened by the Treaty of Locarno have been postponed, but the Treaty itself was an important forward step, for it was based not upon a careful balancing of the jealousies, suspicions and rivalries of the contracting parties, but rather upon a growing sense of the world as a real unity, and a united effort to make peace secure. It would be vain to hope that all the dangers of the past are gone, or that the road ahead is not beset with difficulties, but it is something to know that to some extent at least the world has recovered its bearings and regained the sense of direction which seemed so hopelessly lost; and for the first time in a decade we can venture out into the future with a confidence and assurance based upon a real achievement.

If the first part of the year was signaled by the Treaty of Locarno, the second was marked by an event of scarcely less importance, and perhaps of greater interest to those who belong as we do to the British Empire. It would be obviously improper for me to do more than refer to the disputed matters which furnished the pretext for the general strike. We are all, I think, agreed

upon the important issues raised by the strike itself in the form which it finally assumed. We may therefore be allowed to give voice to our feelings of admiration and pride at the courage, the steadiness and the perfect self-control with which the people of the Motherland met a great crisis in their national life, and whatever may be our political allegiance, as Masons and lovers of freedom we can unite in an expression of gratitude that the sure instinct which has marked them in the great moments of all their long history, and the spirit which has given to them a place of leadership so peculiarly their own are neither dead nor sleeping.

It is under these steadyng and reassuring influences that we enter upon the Seventy-first Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, and it is singularly fitting that the meeting should be held in these Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur. Even in a land so favored as our own, the voice of the pessimist is sometimes heard, and I know of nothing so likely to quicken the pulse and stir the heart, to renew our courage and our faith in our own future, as to travel these great lakes, to breathe this bracing northern air, to stand in this gateway to the West and catch even a glimpse of the vast possibilities that form a part of our splendid heritage. And I would express to our brethren in these twin cities our sincere thanks that we are permitted for a second time in the short space of five years to enjoy their generous hospitality.

To repeat a familiar phrase, the past year has been one of peace, of harmony and of progress. The feverish excitement of the post-war period has given way to more sane and well-ordered activity in Masonic affairs. It used to be said of a great British statesman that he could give to his budget speeches the charm of a romance. I am not the possessor of that happy power and I shall therefore content myself with laying before you as a matter of interest and for the purpose of comparison a few statistics only, and refer you for a more complete record of our growing membership and material wealth to the detailed reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

For the year ending May 31st, 1925, our total receipts from Lodges and Investments were.....\$148,950.00

In 1925-26 we received..... 149,000.00

Our expenditures were for 1924-25:

General Expense..... 31,366.00

Benevolence..... 107,860.00

For this year:

General Account..... 38,500.00

Benevolence..... 103,000.00

Our Assets on May 31st, 1925 were:

General Fund..... 329,740.00

S. C. Fund..... 104,850.00

On May 31st, 1926, they were:

General Fund..... 336,860.00

S.C. Fund..... 105,650.00

On May 31st, 1925 we had a membership of about 107,000. Today it is estimated at 110,000.

In the matter of general expenses, the cost of publication of our annual proceedings has been steadily increasing. We note that last year 550 of the 750 pages were taken up with the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Master and the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. No one would deny the excellence of these reports. They are full of interest. But they are becoming so voluminous as to make it almost necessary to devise some new method of dealing with them. Many other jurisdictions set a definite limit upon the amount of space to be allotted for this purpose and I suggest that similar action be taken by this Grand Lodge.

But numbers and wealth are not the only or indeed the final test of increasing strength. Greater than either of these is the evidence everywhere of a deeper interest in Masonry itself and a keener desire to understand more of its meaning, its value and its place in the complexity of our modern life.

It is well that it is so. We often repeat the time-honored warning "Guard well the portals of your lodge," but the surest safeguard for Masonry is the knowledge of Masonry itself. I sometimes ask myself why it is that unworthy men seek admission to our ranks. What is

there to attract them? We require from every candidate a declaration that he has come from a favorable opinion of the institution and a general desire for knowledge. What is this "favorable opinion," and on what is it based? If at times we find among our members those who are thinking chiefly of the Benevolent Fund and the banquet table is not the fault largely with ourselves, and particularly with those of us who are charged with the duty of giving instruction in the aims and purposes of the Order? The greatest danger to Masonry today is from the faulty and partial interpretation of it, given by some of its membership and by bodies which have or claim to have a sort of connection with it. I venture to suggest that if the moral and educational purposes of the order were more in evidence there would be little to attract the undesirable person. But if the convivial and benevolent sides are all that the profane can see, we cannot be surprised "if the temple is invaded by outsiders, and the lodge is put upon its last lines of defence to keep them out."

FRATERNAL DEAD

The report on fraternal dead will record the names and merits of those who have been called away since our last meeting, but I must make mention of one. M.W. Bro. James H. Burritt was a lover of Masonry and a devoted member and servant of this Grand Lodge. For many years he was our chief adviser in everything relating to the Constitution. His kindly disposition, his unfailing courtesy, his wise counsel endeared him to us all. He has left behind a memory that is sweet and a vacant place that will not soon be filled.

I must also make reference to another who, though not a member of this Grand Lodge, was with us last year and has since gone to his reward. Those who heard the inspiring address of Bro. Adam Brown at the meeting in Hamilton will not soon forget his message. He passed away within sight of his hundredth milestone and on January 19th the Grand Treasurer and I attended at his funeral in Hamilton to pay "our last sad office of respect to departed merit."

LODGES

In accordance with the decision of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication I issued warrants to six lodges and they have all been constituted and consecrated in accordance with the usages and customs of the Craft. Twelve were dedicated during the year and dispensations were issued for the formation of ten. As a matter of record particulars are given herewith:

Consecrations

September 8th, 1925, Hatherly Lodge, No. 625, Sault Ste. Marie, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

September 18th, 1925, Pelee Lodge, No. 627, Pelee Island, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

October 7th, 1925, Stamford Lodge, No. 626, South End, by R.W. Bro. T. O. Johnston, D.D.G.M.

October 13th, 1925, Glenrose Lodge, No. 628, Elmira, by R.W. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough, D.D.G.M.

October 23rd, 1925, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 630, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

October 30th, 1925, Grenville Lodge, No. 629, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Dedications

Pelee Lodge, No. 627, Pelee Island, Sept. 18th, 1925, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Stamford Lodge, No. 626, South End, Oct. 7th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. T. O. Johnston, D.D.G.M.

Glenrose Lodge, No. 628, Elmira, by R.W. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough, D.D.G.M., on October 13th, 1925.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal, on October 22nd, 1925, by R.W. Bro. H. E. Freeman, D.D.G.M.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton, on October 27th, 1925, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Masonic Temple, Niagara Falls, on Nov. 17th, 1925, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Earl Kitchener Lodge, No. 538, Port McNicoll, on Dec. 10th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. John D. Cunningham, D.D.G.M.

Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton, on Dec. 14th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough, D.D.G.M.

Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg, May 4th, 1926, by R.W. Bro. Thos. O. Johnston, D.D.G.M.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville, April 29th, 1926, by R.W. Bro. J. J. Parsons, D.D.G.M.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250., Embro, June 3rd, 1926, by R.W. Bro. Wm. S. McDonald, D.D.G.M.

Wellington Lodge No. 271, Erin, June 18th, 1926, by R.W. Bro. J. W. Wansbrough, G.J.W.

Dispensations for New Lodges

Hornepayne, at Hornepayne

Delta, Wellington, Bedford and Caledonia at Toronto

Anthony Sayer at Mimico

Hastings at Hastings

Beach at Burlington Beach

Garden and St. Andrews' at Windsor

I also issued permission to Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton and to Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville to wear gold in accordance with the recent amendment to the Constitution.

Two or three applications for new lodges I felt bound to refuse. The question of new lodges is not as simple as it sometimes appears. It is very easy to lay down a general principle; it is often very difficult to apply it in a proper way. In the larger centres conditions vary in the different Masonic temples, and to some extent every application must stand or fall upon its own particular merits. One is inclined to favor the smaller rather than the larger lodge. At the same time I have never felt free to grant the permission asked for unless I was convinced (1) that the proposed new lodge would not impair the prospects of the existing lodges, and (2) that the

applicants themselves were of such Masonic standing as to afford a reasonable assurance of its success. The character of a lodge is largely determined by the first few years of its existence, and too much stress can not be laid upon the importance of securing for its first rulers men of judgment and experience in Masonic affairs.

In this connection I should like to express my sincere thanks to the Committee appointed to assist me in this matter in the City of Toronto. It was composed of R.W. Bros. Hall, James, Saunders, Tugwell and French. I cannot speak too highly of the careful and conscientious manner in which they discharged their duties and of the value of their counsel and advice. But it is only fair to say that for what has been done, whether it was wise or not, the responsibility must be entirely my own.

CORNER STONES

Three Especial Communications were held for this purpose:

July 22nd, 1925, Corner stone of St. John's Church, Bath, laid by M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, P.G.M.

September 30th, 1925, Corner stone of Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, Dryden, by R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe, D.D.G.M.

December 5th, 1925, Corner stone of the York Masonic Temple, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

I was also present on the 10th of June at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. John's Cathedral in Winnipeg by our esteemed and valued friend M.W. Bro. Crossin, the then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

APPOINTMENTS

To the Chairmanship of the Grand Lodge Committee on Constitution and Laws, vacated by the death of M.W. Bro. Burrith, I appointed M.W. Bro. F.W. Harcourt, P.G.M.

I appointed V.W. Bro. John Riley of Toronto, Grand Steward in place of V.W. Bro. John McCurrah who died

in September 1925. It is a matter of great regret to me that since his appointment V.W. Bro. Riley has been confined to his home through illness and has not been able to take any part in Masonic activities.

To fill vacancies which have occurred in the list of our representatives to foreign jurisdictions I have confirmed the following nominations which have been made by their respective Grand Lodges:

Arkansas—R.W. Bro. M. E. Bradford, Little Rock.

Colorado—R.W. Bro. S. C. Warner, Denver.

Kansas—M.W. Bro. C. I. Webb, Chicago, Ill.

Maine—R.W. Bro. James Abernethy, West Pembroke.

Mississippi—M.W. Bro. Thos. J. Ellis, Water Valley.

New Hampshire—R.W. Bro. H. C. Edgerton, Hanover.

Chile—R.W. Bro. A. I. Palma, Santiago.

To represent foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge the following members have been commissioned on my nomination:

Nova Scotia—R.W. Bro. Thos. Forsyth, P.G.J.W.

South Australia—R.W. Bro. Frank Hills, P.D.D.G.M.

Indiana—R.W. Bro. John S. Martin, D.G.M.

Chile—R.W. Bro. J. M. Malcolm.

COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The Committee on the Constitution which was continued at our last Annual Communication has completed its labors and the result will be laid before you in a series of amendments, notice of which has already been placed in your hands.

I appointed to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's office, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer and R.W. Bro. George H. Smith. They have not yet completed their labors, and I recommend that they be continued for another year.

I appointed to the Library Committee, V.W. Bro. C. B. Murray, R.W. Bro. A. F. Webster, and M.W. Bro

F. W. Harcourt. Under the direction of this Committee the cataloguing of the volumes of the library in Toronto has been completed, and I presume it is your desire that the Committee be continued in office.

At the request of Mimosa Lodge No. 576, Toronto, I appointed R.W. Bro. Dr. W. H. Walters as a commissioner to investigate a charge of Unmasonic Conduct against Bro. J. S. Macdonald. The appointment was not made in time to report at this meeting. In the meantime the accused is under suspension.

I also suspended Bro. T. S. Evans from the secretaryship of Unity Lodge Toronto, for misconduct in his office.

BY-LAWS, DISPENSATIONS, ETC.

I confirmed nine complete sets of by-laws and approved the amendments to upwards of one hundred others.

I also issued the usual number of dispensations for the usual variety of purposes. The power to grant dispensations is one which, except in ordinary matters of routine, should not be exercised without a sufficient reason. In a number of cases I was asked to relieve from the provisions of the Constitution respecting time and residence. I acceded where a reason was shown or a hardship would result from my refusal. I allowed a lodge to confer a Third Degree upon an engineer who was ordered abroad on business, and would otherwise have been unable to obtain his advancement for perhaps two or three years, but I refused to allow an application to be received within the time limit where no other reason was shown than a desire on the part of the applicant and the lodge to hasten the time of his admission to the Craft.

More than fifty applications were received by me for leave to receive the petitions of candidates suffering from physical disability and in four cases I felt bound to refuse. The language of the 1919 amendment to the Constitution is very comprehensive, but the amendment had a meaning and a purpose. It was intended to modify the pre-existing practice and not to wipe it out. And whatever may be the powers of a Grand Master under the

amendment, in my judgment they should be exercised in such a way as to conform with the spirit rather than the letter of the law. I do not think that a dispensation should be issued where the disability is such as to render the applicant unable to follow and understand our ritual and ceremonies, or to make his presence in the lodge an embarrassment to the members. I therefore refused to issue permission to receive the application of a candidate who was so deaf as to be unable to follow the ritual, of another who had lost both legs, and of a third whose disability was so serious that he was unable to walk except with crutches. I also refused in a fourth instance where I was satisfied that the financial condition of the applicant was such as to make it unfair both to his family and to ourselves that his application should be received.

During the past few years we have admitted many members not perfect in body, who under the old dispensation would have been debarred from Masonry. It is only to be expected that some of them if permitted will become rulers in the Craft. It is one thing to admit to membership an applicant who is unable literally to comply with our rites and ceremonies, it is quite another to place him in a position where he is called upon to employ and instruct his brethren in Masonry. It seems to me that the time has arrived where we should give an expression of our opinion on this important matter, and I am disposed to recommend that Grand Lodge declare that no member who is suffering under a disability which prevents him from literally complying with our ritual and ceremonies should be allowed to hold an office in a lodge without a special dispensation from the Grand Master.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

To adapt an old saying, "Of the making of laws there is no end." After a year's experience I am quite prepared to state that to the temptations to make Masonic rulings there is no limit. Here too, I have received the usual number of requests on the usual variety of subjects. In many cases I was able to refer to rulings of my predecessors; in many to a provision in the Constitution as to the meaning of which there could be no reasonable doubt. In three or four instances the circumstances were of such an unusual character as not to be likely to recur.

To have enforced the letter of the law or to have exacted a severe penalty would have worked a great hardship. I dealt with them as best I could. Whether my decisions were wise or not, they have answered their purpose and now belong to the past.

I was required, however, to issue rulings in a few cases which may have some importance for the future, and upon them I would like to have an expression from this Grand Lodge.

I ruled:

1. A candidate should receive his first degree in the lodge in which his application is accepted.

2. A brother is suspended by his lodge on a charge of Masonic offence; he appeals and Grand Lodge allows the appeal. The sentence of the lodge is thereby annulled and the brother is restored to all his former rights and privileges.

3. In a ballot on an application for initiation a brother voted who was not a member of the lodge. The ballot was declared invalid.

4. A blind man is ineligible for the office of W.M.

5. The secretary of a lodge must not allow access to his mailing list or books to any unauthorized person.

6. If a brother, suspended for non-payment of dues, tenders the amount due at the time of his suspension plus the dues which he would have paid in the meantime if he had been in good standing, the lodge must accept the amount and restore him, and no resolution is necessary.

Note.—This, of course, will be modified if the proposed amendment to the constitution is adopted.

7. A demitted member who is indebted for dues to the lodge in which he took his demit, is not eligible to affiliate with any other lodge while the dues remain unpaid.

8. A By-law to elect a Benevolent Committee and Budget Committee by open vote in the lodge is bad. The W.M. must appoint all standing committees.

SPECIAL GRANTS

I ask your approval of two special contributions that were made during the year, one of \$1,000.00 to the Peace Memorial Fund of the United Grand Lodge of England, and one of \$1,000.00 to the Country Hospital for Sick Children.

The proposal is to erect in London as a memorial to the Masons who fell in the War a central Masonic Home, worthy of the Craft. It is a striking fact that the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of England should have been held in a little tavern in St. Paul's Churchyard, within the shadow of that majestic Building which had just been rebuilt after the fire, and which in after years has become to a greater degree than any other spot the spiritual centre of the British Empire. The proposed Memorial Temple will stand in a similar relation to Masonry itself. We all turn to the Grand Lodge of England for guidance and direction; we refer to her in terms of affection as the Mother Grand Lodge of the World. In a very real sense her new Home, like the Great City in which it is to stand, will belong to us all.

In September last I sent to our Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred V. Robbins, a cheque for \$1,000.00 to be added to the fund. The acknowledgment which I received is so thoroughly characteristic of the Masonic spirit of our English brethren that I cannot refrain from quoting it:

"London, W.C. 2, 19th November, 1925. Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother: With reference to your letter of the 23rd September, I have now had the opportunity of placing the suggestion of your Grand Lodge before our Committee, and I am desirous to express its great appreciation of the fraternal action conveyed in the wish of your Grand Lodge to be associated with the erection of our Peace Memorial building. The Committee gratefully accepts the gift, and suggests that it shall be devoted to the provision of some definite article or articles in the new building when erected. With my personal fraternal regards, believe me, yours truly, (sgd) P. Colville Smith, Grand Secretary.

To which I replied as follows:

"Dear Sir and Very Worshipful Brother: I have your letter of the 19th of November last. It was indeed very kind and thoughtful of the Committee to suggest that our contribution to the Fund should be used to provide some definite article or articles in the new building. Please assure the Committee that whatever they may decide to do will have our entire and hearty approval. With best wishes, I am, Yours sincerely and fraternally (sgd) John A. Rowland. "

The Hospital for Sick Children at Toronto is not a Masonic institution, but it has a peculiar claim on our Masonic support. It was one of the life works of the late John Ross Robertson, and I felt that you would wish me to pay this tribute to the memory of one to whom Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction owes so much.

BENEVOLENCE

During the past year we paid out for benevolent purposes from our General Fund \$98,135.00 and from the S.C. Fund \$4,870.00 I addressed to the District Deputy Grand Masters a circular letter in connection with our benevolent work. It has been suggested to me that this letter should be included in the present address. It is rather too lengthy for that, and I think it would better serve its purpose if it were printed in the proceedings as an appendix thereto.

Our chief problem in connection with our benevolent work is not one of money, although that enters into it, much less is it one of institutions; it is rather one of co-operation. The charity that consists of distributing a few dollars in a casual sort of way simply helps to pauperize the community. The lodge that passes on to Grand Lodge its obligations and then forgets them forever is wasting its opportunities. You may require our assistance; we also require yours. And the thing of which we stand in most need to-day is that the private lodges shall show in connection with the cases that come to us that same quiet, unobtrusive, personal and sympathetic interest that is shown in connection with their own.

It is the custom in some jurisdictions to limit the Grand Lodge grant by the amount given by the private

lodges. I would not recommend that practice here. We cannot manage our benevolence with the accuracy and precision of a commercial enterprise. The more mechanical it becomes, the more it ceases to be a charity. It is not a system of doles. It is not even a form of "settlement work". We are dealing with those, or the dependants of those, who at one time were thought worthy to become members of our ancient and honourable fraternity. Advice, encouragement, the evidence of a personal interest are often of greater value than financial aid. Grand Lodge can assist with the latter; it is only the individual that can issue cheques upon the great Bank of Human Sympathy. I could thrill you by a plain and simple statement of the way in which some of our lodges are meeting their obligations in this respect, but!—it is not advertised. True charity is neither a sounding brass nor a tinkling cymbal. It most blesses him that gives as well as him that takes, when, like its sister mercy, it comes "like a gentle rain from Heaven". And so I appeal to the private lodges for a clearer understanding, a closer co-operation in our benevolent work. It will add a new interest to their Masonic life, and it will ensure a fuller measure of comfort and consolation to those who need it most.

And here may I refer to the splendid service of the Chairman of our Benevolence Committee, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, and our Supervisor of Benevolence, R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe. They are doing a great constructive work. It will, of course, take time to realize all that they have in mind. In the meantime I would ask you to accept their leadership and to give them your assistance and support.

VISITS

I paid three visits outside of the jurisdiction: to the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts at Boston, of Quebec at Montreal, and of Manitoba at Winnipeg. I remember them all with pleasure. The cordial welcome which I received was a clear indication to me of the high place that our Grand Lodge holds in the estimation of the Masonic world. Important business matters prevented my attending the Grand Lodge of Michigan in response to their very cordial invitation, but I was well represented by R.W. Bro. Gatfield, who is their representative near our Grand Lodge.

The matter of visits within the jurisdiction has given me much concern. It is an old complaint that many of the smaller lodges have never seen a Grand Master. It is the Grand Master's misfortune that he cannot visit them all. To enable me to meet this problem as fairly as I could, the brethren of Hamilton and Toronto arranged for me a series of joint meetings at their several temples, and throughout the country official visits were made to a number of districts in a series of similar meetings, arranged by the District Deputy Grand Masters, to which all the lodges in the district were invited and in which they all had a share. Perhaps it is not for me to speak of the success of these meetings. Suffice it to say that to me at least they were a constant source of encouragement and inspiration and I have reason to hope that they were not without value to the Craft.

As I look back over the year's work a feeling comes over me of gratitude for the kindness and consideration that have been shown to me on every hand. No Grand Master was ever better served than I have been. In a jurisdiction so large as ours, the duties that attach to the office must always be heavy indeed, and I am deeply conscious of the fact that nothing has been left undone that might make the burden a little lighter, or the path a little smoother.

And what is the value of it all? Masonry is a progressive science. The more closely you study it, the more you see of its workings, the more convinced you are of its power for good.

You may think of it as a great fraternity extending over the four divisions of the globe, with a long and honourable history extending far back into the distant past. A network of lodges, grouped, it may be, into independent jurisdictions, but fundamentally one; held together not by any statutory or legal bond, but by a common standard of membership, a common confession of faith, an allegiance to common ideals and common purposes. A partnership in a common moral and spiritual capital that is itself imperishable and eternal. A mighty instrument to break down the barriers of misunderstanding between men, and unite them more closely in the bonds of Brotherhood.

You may think of it as a great moral force directed toward the making of a better citizenship by the simple, but only effective method of making better citizens. If it has come down to us through the changing centuries, itself unchanged, and has extended its influence wherever civilization is found, it is not because of any conscious purpose in the original Fathers of Masonry, but rather because of something inherent in Masonry itself. Its genius is that it has, in common with religion, the power to appeal direct to the hearts and minds of men, to lift them out of the passing and temporary things which make them many into the presence of those permanent things by virtue of which they are one, and in the vision of those things they catch a somewhat deeper understanding of the meaning of life, a broader outlook upon its problems, a renewed inspiration to usefulness and service.

“The one remains, the many change and pass:
Heaven’s light forever shines, earth’s shadows fly;
Life like a dome of many coloured glass
Stains the white radiance of Eternity.”

It is only to the extent to which men lift their eyes above the shadows to the light that they are able to give direction and value to their lives and make progress along the road that leads to that

“—far-off divine event
To which the whole creation moves.”

JOHN A. ROWLAND,
Grand Master.

APPENDIX TO GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

Toronto, February 8th, 1926

To the D.D.G.Ms. of all Districts,
A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in Ontario.

Dear Brethren,

The problem of Grand Lodge benevolence is a very difficult one, and I am inclined to think that the difficulty is very greatly increased by something like a lack of understanding on the part of the officers and members of the private Lodges. The Chairman of the Benevolence Committee, the Supervisor and I had a conference a few days ago and we felt that in this matter our D.D.G.Ms. could materially assist us, and I would like to point out two or three things which I think you might bring to the attention of your Lodges with good effect:

- 1—The Lodges should understand our general policy and the Masters and Secretaries should be familiar with the rules respecting Benevolence, which are set out in the Constitution. We are constantly being asked for information where the rules are perfectly clear.
- 2—Rules 3 and 4a require that all applications for relief shall be in the hands of the Grand Secretary before the first of June; this also applies to renewals. The penalty for non-fulfilment of this condition is the loss of the Lodge's vote at Grand Lodge. In spite of this forty-nine Lodges were in default at the last meeting. It was embarrassing to their proxies, embarrassing to the Credentials Committee, and unfair to the Committee on Benevolence. Grand Lodge might have cut off their grants. So far as the Lodge was concerned this would have been the proper thing to do, but it would have worked a hardship on the beneficiaries who were in no sense to blame.
- 3—The information given in the application should be complete and reliable. Sometimes the information is not complete, sometimes it is so indefinite as to be almost worthless, and we have had cases where it was incorrect. Our work cannot be effective unless we have the co-operation of the Masters and Secretaries, and we have the right to know that we can rely on statements that come to us over the seal of the Lodge.

- 4—The Lodge itself must make a grant and this should correspond as far as possible to the needs of the case. It should in fact determine the amount of the Grand Lodge grant. In practice it is often the other way. The Lodge grant is perfunctory, simply to comply with the Constitution. The amendment of 1925 provides that the Grand Lodge grant shall depend on the needs of the case and the inability of the Lodge to meet them.

My own feeling is that to a very great degree the Lodges themselves do not understand our system. We are not a benevolent institution. The obligation to relieve distress falls in the first instance upon the private Lodges. The business of Grand Lodge is simply to assist and to supplement their efforts. Unfortunately, in many cases the process has reversed; the case has been passed on to Grand Lodge and there it has been left without further attention or consideration on the part of the private Lodge. In several instances Lodges that cannot be described as "poor" are drawing from the funds of Grand Lodge, three, four and five dollars for every dollar they contribute. We have, too, a large number of small grants—about \$35,000.00 per year is spent in grants from fifty to one hundred dollars each. Many of these cases should never have come to us. The Lodges should have dealt with them themselves. The practice of passing them on is unfair and unmasonic, and the net result has been that we have been hard pressed for funds and in cases of a serious and pressing nature our hands have been tied.

Partly, I think, the fault rests with Grand Lodge officers. They emphasize the amount of money we give, and the number of cases we relieve. It would be better if we said less about amounts and used our efforts to impress upon the membership at large the principle that underlies our whole system, and the real meaning of "Masonic charity."

Attest: Fraternally yours,

W. M. LOGAN,	JOHN A. ROWLAND,
Grand Secretary.	Grand Master.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and resolved: That the address of the M.W. the Grand Master, be referred to a special committee, to report thereon.

The Grand Master appointed to this committee M.W. Bros. E. T. Malone and W. N. Ponton.

LONG SERVICE MEDALS

The Grand Secretary then read the names of five Brethren who, having been members of the Craft for fifty continuous years, were entitled to the Long Service Medal. The names are: M. G. Burwell, Port Burwell, W.M. in 1876; W. C. Dobie, Port Arthur, W.M. in 1876; Alex. Gow, Mount Forest, W.M. in 1876; Wm. Johnston, Smith's Falls, W.M. in 1876; W. A. Woolson, Ingersoll, W.M. in 1876.

R.W. Bro. W. C. Dobie, being the only one present, was invited to the dais, where he was eloquently addressed by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, who pinned the medal upon his breast amid enthusiastic applause. Bro. Dobie responded briefly in feeling words.

The Grand Master then called upon M.W. Bro. Lou Winsor of Michigan, M.W. Bro. J. Walker Reid of Manitoba, R.W. Bro. John Fisher of Minnesota, and R.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke of Saskatchewan, who were loudly acclaimed by the Brethren as they severally brought the greetings of their respective Grand Lodges to this Grand Lodge.

LETTERS

Messages of regret were heard from M.W. Bros. Sir John Gibson, W. D. McPherson, F. W. Harcourt, W. H. Wardrope and W. J. Drope, Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge; from M.W. Bro. T. F. English, Grand Master of Alberta; from the Grand Master of Nova Scotia; from W. J. Ewing, Grand Master of Quebec; from the Grand Master of Wisconsin; from Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master of Massachusetts; also a letter from Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of the first Grand Master of the Grand

Lodge of Canada, wishing Grand Lodge a most successful meeting.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labour at one o'clock, p.m., to meet again at two-thirty in the afternoon.

CALLED ON

Grand Lodge was called to labour at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, July 21st, 1926, the M.W. the Grand Master, on the Throne.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was read by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and the report of the Grand Secretary by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, as follows:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements and investment accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st May, 1926.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

To Balance of account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1925.....		\$18,404.36
Received from Grand Secretary from Lodges.....		125,795.80
Interest on investments.....		17,010.55
Interest on Bank deposits.....		935.42
Debentures matured—		
Brockville.....	\$689.78	
Hamilton.....	2,000.00	2,689.78
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		\$164,835.91

DISBURSEMENTS

General charges.....	\$38,499.79	
Benevolent Orders.....	98,135.00	
Purchase of Township East		
York Deb.....	1,983.07	
	<hr/>	\$138,617.86
Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31, 1926....	\$30,782.24	
Less outstanding cheques....	4,564.19	
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		\$164,835.91

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.

Auditor.

Toronto, June 19th, 1926.

DISBURSEMENTS

1925			
June	2	Thomas Rowe.....	\$87.70
	9	Incidental expenses.....	300.00
	25	Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
	30	McKay & Overell.....	12.50
July	6	Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	75.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Ass'n.....	250.00
	16	Expenses Commission.....	5.00
	31	W. J. Drope expenses, Grand Lodge of Ireland.....	1,000.00
	31	Grand Master travelling expenses.....	750.00
		Grand Master's stenographer.....	150.00
		Deputy Grand Master, travelling expenses.....	125.00
		Deputy Grand Master, postage.....	10.00
		W. N. Ponton, Fraternal Correspondence.....	250.00
		Thos. Rowe.....	500.00
		Thos. Rowe, stenographer.....	75.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		R. B. Dargavel, postage.....	10.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Expenses, Grand Lodge Meeting.....	2,800.00
Aug.	24	Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Incidental expenses.....	300.00
		Robert Raw & Co.....	68.26
		Griffin & Richmond.....	23.04
		Office Specialty.....	3.00
		Ambrose Kent & Sons.....	50.00
		R. S. Martin.....	61.00
		G. H. Lees & Co.....	237.75
		Payne & Hardy.....	27.53
		W. J. Fearman.....	21.75
		R. B. Cheyne, Insurance Agencies.....	27.53
		Hugh Murray.....	27.53
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
Sept.	30	Robert Duncan Co.....	381.84
		J. B. Nixon, expenses Masonic Relief Association, Chicago.....	25.00
		United Grand Lodge of England.....	1,000.00
	25	Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00

		Incidental expenses.....	300.00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Griffin & Richmond.....	3.68
		The Panoramic Photographers.....	3.50
		Wm. Bruce.....	15.00
		The H. Barnard Stamp & Stencil Co.....	198.56
		Robert Duncan & Co.....	69.88
Oct.	31	Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Griffin & Richmond.....	6.31
		Payne & Hardy.....	50.00
		G. H. Lees & Co.....	9.96
		Howell Litho Co.....	691.99
		Robert Duncan & Co.....	74.10
		Robert Raw & Co.....	75.60
		United Typewriter Co.....	4.50
Nov.	2	Ross Robertson Library.....	250.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Postage on Proceedings.....	190.00
	25	Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		Thomas Rowe, Travelling expenses.....	350.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
Dec.	18	Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Incidental expenses.....	300.00
		Geo. H. Lees & Co.....	4.95
		Robert Raw & Co.....	2,106.26
		A. M. Cunningham.....	25.00
		Griffin & Richmond.....	78.31
		Miller & Sons.....	20.00
		Robert Duncan & Co.....	7.50
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250.00
		Grand Treasurer.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00

		R. B. Dargavel.....	10.00
		D.G.M. Postage.....	10.00
		D.G.M. Travelling expenses.....	125.00
		Grand Master, Travelling expenses.....	750.00
		Grand Master, Stenographer.....	150.00
		Thomas Rowe.....	75.00
		Griffin & Richmond.....	5.06
31		Robert Duncan & Co.....	2,832.32
		Thomas Lees.....	500.00
		Gibb Paper Box Co.....	13.03
1926			
Jan.	26	A. A. Gray.....	24.00
		Griffin & Richmond.....	11.20
		Robert Raw & Co.....	9.45
		Robert Duncan & Co.....	27.65
		Payne & Hardy.....	11.90
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Masonic Relief Association.....	263.35
Feb.	23	Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
Mar.	31	Sick Children's Hospital.....	1,000.00
		Rent of Vault.....	40.00
		W. R. Crockett & Son.....	19.50
		Griffin & Richmond.....	12.84
		McKay & Co.	20.00
		Robert Raw & Co.....	23.89
		Geo. H. Lees & Co.....	4.96
		Robert Duncan & Co.....	9.19
		Incidentals.....	300.00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Grand Treasurer.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
April	26	Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		James B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66

	Clerk.....	150.00
	Bell Telephone Co.	6.32
	Griffin & Richmond.....	1.31
	Robert Raw & Co.....	45.15
	Robert Duncan & Co.....	6.25
	Ruthven's.....	5.00
	R. F. Richardson.....	105.50
May 26	Grand Secretary.....	500.00
	Chief Clerk.....	250.00
	Stenographer.....	166.74
	Clerk.....	150.00
	Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
	Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
	J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
	W. R. Crockett & Son.....	2.63
	Robert Duncan Co.....	55.05
	Griffin & Richmond.....	33.21
	Geo. H. Lees & Co.....	5.79
	Can. Passenger Association.....	15.00
	A. H. Box.....	20.00
	Robert Raw & Co.....	40.06
	Stewart Davidson.....	5.00
	Thomas Rowe.....	134.53
	Expenses, Consecration, etc.....	161.60
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		\$38,499.79
	Benevolent Orders.....	98,135.00
	Investments.....	1,983.07
	Bank Balance, May 31, 1926...	\$30,782.24
	Less outstanding cheques	4,564.19
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		26,218.05
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		\$164,835.91

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1926

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 50,500.00	\$50,500.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	4,650.00	5,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5½	5½	26,000.00	26,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5¾	5¾	10,000.00	10,000.00
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.20	5,223.00	5,000.00
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	6	6	5,000.00	5,000.00
Brandon, City of.....	5	4⅞	2,116.04	2,000.00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3⅞	8,173.00	8,000.00
Brantford, City of.....	4½	6	4,442.00	5,000.00
Brockville, City of.....	4	4½	338.97	352.45
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5½	5½	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dominion of Canada, C.N.R. Equipment.....	5	4.95	1,503.75	1,500.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	6½	5,192.26	5,072.76
Hamilton, City of.....	4	6	4,284.00	5,000.00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	509.80	500.00
Manitoba, Province of.....	5½	5.30	7,143.50	7,000.00
New Westminster City of.....	5	4.80	5,125.00	5,000.00
New Westminster City of.....	5	4¾	5,280.50	5,000.00
National Trusts Corp.....	5½	5½	10,000.00	10,000.00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1,613.60	1,509.58
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.55	3,790.00	4,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.30	9,700.00	10,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.50	10,463.75	11,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.05	4,975.00	5,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6	10,000.00	10,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	16,160.60	15,000.00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	5,121.37	5,121.37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4⅞	1,009.31	1,000.00
Strathcona, City of.....	4½	4¾	4,842.00	5,018.28
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4⅞	12,026.07	12,148.50
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4⅞	980.85	1,000.00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry.....	6½	6½	15,057.18	15,057.18
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4,484.14	4,866.66
Toronto, City of.....	5½	5.40	8,152.80	8,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6¼	5,681.40	6,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	11,600.40	12,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	2,901.30	3,000.00
Woodstock, City of.....	5½	6	4,655.80	5,000.00
York, Township of.....	6	6	10,000.00	10,000.00
York, Township of.....	5½	5¾	981.40	1,000.00
York, Township of.....	6	5¾	4,074.00	4,000.00
East York Township.....	5	5.10	1,980.00	2,000.00
			\$308,732.79	\$310,646.02

Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	\$3,096.01	
Less outstanding cheques.....	955.00	
		<u>\$2,141.01</u>
		\$105,645.60

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of Semi-Centennial Fund on the 31st day of May, 1926, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the Debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct.

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

Toronto, 19th June, 1926.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1926.

RECEIPTS

To balance at credit of the account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st May 1925.....	\$2,294.62	
Outstanding cheques.....	895.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,399.62
Amount received from Grand Secretary during the year ended 31st May, 1926.		
from lodges.....	\$298.75	
Interest on investments.....	5,167.13	
Interest on Bank deposits.....	91.93	
Benevolent cheques cancelled.....	55.00	
Etobicoke debenture matured.....	769.17	
Windsor debenture Matured.....	1,360.59	
Berlin debenture matured.....	96.57	
Dominion of Canada debenture matured.....	5,200.00	
Owen Sound debenture matured.....	1,000.00	
Hamilton debenture matured.....	3,000.00	
St. Catharines debenture matured.....	5,319.96	
	<hr/>	22,359.10
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		\$23,758.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Windsor debentures.....	\$7,488.09	
East York debentures.....	9,259.62	
	<hr/>	\$16,747.71
Benevolent Orders.....		4,870.00
Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	3,096.01	
Outstanding cheques.....	955.00	
	<hr/>	2,141.01
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		\$23,758.72

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.

Auditor.

Toronto, June 19th, 1926.

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1926

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	837.00	900.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.....	5½	5½	6,000.00	6,000.00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4½	334.10	319.67
Belleville, City of.....	5¾	6	839.07	820.28
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.20	2,089.20	2,000.00
Calgary, City of.....	4½	4½	4,000.00	4,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5½	5½	4,000.00	4,000.00
Durham, Town of.....	5	5½	1,439.71	1,528.43
Etobicoke, Township of	6½	6½	2,107.50	2,107.50
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1,695.60	2,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5.30	1,023.80	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,046.40	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,040.80	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,072.90	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5½	1,015.30	1,000.00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	1,019.60	1,000.00
Lindsay, Town of.....	6	5.40	1,045.40	1,000.00
N. Vancouver, Dist. of	4½	4¾	2,880.60	3,000.00
National Trust Co.....	5½	5½	1,400.00	1,400.00
Owen Sound, City of.....	5	4½	2,200.80	2,000.00
Owen Sound, City of.....	5	5.20	1,950.60	2,000.00
Oakville, Town of.....	5	4¾	4,971.42	4,787.92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4,316.40	4,316.40
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	1,606.05	1,500.00
Peterborough, City of.....	3	4	1,693.20	2,000.00
Peterborough, City of.....	4¾	4½	1,905.20	1,850.00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	3,854.72	3,854.72
St. Mary's, Town of.....	4½	4.80	8,658.63	9,000.00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of	5	4¾	1,862.64	1,800.00
Shuniah, Municipality of	5	4⅞	1,015.90	1,000.00
Strathroy, Town of.....	5	5⅞	481.60	565.85
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6	943.00	1,000.00
Walkerville, City of.....	4½	5⅞	599.88	639.13
Windsor, City of.....	4	4½	1,335.45	1,415.04
Windsor, City of.....	5	6	2,430.70	2,706.65
Windsor, City of.....	6	5.35	272.82	258.11
York, Township of.....	6	6½	1,382.41	1,440.72
York, Township of.....	5½	5	4,130.40	4,000.00
Hamilton Mas. Associ.....	6	6	100.00	100.00
Windsor.....	5	5	3,488.09	3,478.67
Windsor.....	5	5	3,000.00	3,000.00
Windsor.....	5	5	1,000.00	1,000.00
York Township East	5	5.10	9,222.35	9,315.50
			\$102,709.24	\$103,504.59

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$30,782.24	
Less outstanding cheques.....	4,564.19	
		\$26,218.05
		<hr/> \$336,864.07

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1926, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the Debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

The list of investments of the General Fund and the Semi-Centennial Fund of Grand Lodge was submitted to one of the leading Bond Houses in the Dominion of Canada for an expression of opinion thereon. The following is the opinion received.

June 17th, 1926.

E. T. Malone, Esq., K.C.,
Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
of Canada,
255 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we have valued the list of securities submitted to us as of June 15th, 1926, and are returning the list to you herewith.

We wish to take this opportunity of congratulating you upon the excellent class of securities which you have selected for the investment of your funds.

Yours very truly,

GAIRDNER & COMPANY, LIMITED,
per J. A. Gairdner.

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in
the Province of Ontario:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st May, 1926.

The following statements are herewith submitted
viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on General Account; Details of Receipts on General Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May, 1926; a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Payments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 31st May, 1926; a Summary of the Receipts and of Payments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund; and a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account. and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1926.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	168 00	1.20	
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	405.25		
5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	471.00	7.25	
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	365.20	3.60	
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	120.50	114.50	
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	282.50	2.50	
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	227.50	1.50	
11	Moir.....	Belleville.....	451.60	5.60	
14	True Britons.....	Perth.....	246.00		
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	376.00		
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	703.00	1.00	
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	291.50		
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	283.50		
20	St. John's.....	London.....	472.00	9.40	
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	134.00	.50	
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	486.50	1.00	
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	163.75	1.00	
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	289.50	7.00	
25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	288.00		
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	186.50		
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	766.50	4.00	
28	Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	115.00		
29	United.....	Brighton.....	207.00		
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	175.00	2.00	
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	253.00	.50	
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	277.70		
33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	286.80		
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	213.00	12.50	
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	120.00	4.00	
37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	193.00	6.75	
38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	346.50		
39	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	127.50	1.50	
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	637.50	6.00	
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	339.20	9.50	
42	St. George's.....	London.....	383.50	1.00	
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	481.00	6.00	
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	581.50	3.00	
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	577.50	6.00	
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	554.00	2.25	
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	1,036.80	25.00	
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	200.50	5.00	
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	104.00		
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	550.00		
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	94.00	3.00	
55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville.....	113.00	1.00	
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	389.50	5.00	
57	Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	201.50		1.00
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	453.50	2.50	
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	932.00	4.00	

62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	166.50		1.00
63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place....	291.50		.50
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	661.50	8.00	
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	606.50		
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	112.00	2.50	
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	171.20		
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	151.20		
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	285.00	.50	
73	St. James'.....	St. Marys.....	198.00		
74	St. James'.....	South Augusta....	95.50		
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	268.50		
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	328.50	5.00	
77	Faithful Brethren...	Lindsay.....	369.20	7.00	
78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	278.00	4.75	
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	130.00	1.50	
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges .	136.00		
82	St. John's	Paris.....	236.50	1.00	
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	221.50		
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	174.50	2.20	
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	102.50		
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	439.50	12.00	
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	187.50		
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	219.50	1.50	
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	287.00	2.00	
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	162.50		
92	Cataquai.....	Kingston.....	578.50	12.00	
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	238.50		
94	St. Mark.....	Port Stanley.....	112.50		
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	357.50		
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	149.50	7.00	
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	72.00	3.00	
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	181.00	2.50	
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	348.60	4.00	
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	303.00	5.00	
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines....	426.50	1.25	
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	175.50	1.00	
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	374.50	3.75	
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	180.50		
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	121.50	.90	
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	109.80		
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	167.50		
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	210.00	6.00	
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	191.00	6.00	
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	277.50		
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	255.50	1.00	
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	82.00		
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	121.50		
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	134.50		
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	83.00	.50	
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	609.00	13.00	
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	190.00		.50
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	393.10	6.00	
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	230.00		
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	233.00	13.00	
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	210.50		
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	218.00	1.00	

129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	165.50	.50
131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	145.50	
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	155.00	
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	171.00	1.00
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	100.00	1.50
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	185.00	
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	345.00	6.00
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	185.00	
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	166.50	1.00
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	117.50	1.00
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	129.50	1.00
144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	394.25	6.00
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	122.50	1.00
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	99.20	
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	166.00	7.90
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	482.50	
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	130.00	1.00
151	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	432.50	
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	140.50	
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	149.50	2.50
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	334.50	8.00
156	York.....	Toronto.....	462.00	4.00
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	87.00	3.00
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	138.00	6.00
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	82.50	
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....	145.00	3.00
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	81.60	
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	153.25	
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	290.00	
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	331.00	2.20
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	294.00	12.00
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	220.50	
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	189.00	
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n.....	58.50	
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	102.50	
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	134.00	
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	523.00	
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	67.00	
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	338.50	5.50
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	96.50	1.00
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	211.50	6.00
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....	74.00	
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	70.50	
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	119.50	
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	466.00	1.00
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	137.00	
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	232.20	1.00
195	Tuscan.....	London.....	438.00	
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	210.50	1.00
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	185.30	4.00
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	142.50	1.00
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	278.00	3.00
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	122.00	
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	76.50	3.00
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	121.55	
209a	St. John's.....	London.....	827.50	13.20

209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	116.10	
215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	109.50	1.00
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	221.00	14.50
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	115.50	1.00
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	382.50	6.00
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	158.00	3.00
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	253.30	8.00
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	274.00	
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	131.00	
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	123.50	
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	115.00	
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	259.00	
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	117.00	2.00
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	286.50	
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	308.50	
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	562.00	1.90
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	155.60	1.00
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	171.50	.50
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	118.00	
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	142.00	
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	145.50	
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	121.50	1.00
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	126.00	2.60
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	189.50	1.00
242	Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	146.00	
243	St. George.....	St. George.....	112.50	
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	172.00	
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	423.50	5.00
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	379.50	1.00
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	173.50	.50
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	347.00	14.00
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	581.00	15.25
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	156.00	
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	130.30	
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	311.50	8.50
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	358.00	4.00
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	201.00	
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	243.50	1.00
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	62.00	
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	136.50	
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	173.50	1.00
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	502.00	11.00
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	172.00	6.00
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	105.00	12.00
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	615.30	2.20
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	102.60	2.50
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	124.50	2.50
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	329.50	1.00
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	148.50	
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	229.10	
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	253.00	6.00
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	113.50	6.00
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	160.50	1.00
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	161.50	1.00
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	163.00	
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	346.75	

284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	125.50	6.00	
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	173.00	2.50	
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	182.50	6.00	
287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	530.00	2.00	
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	129.00		
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	364.00		
291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro..	153.50		
292	Robertson.....	King.....	99.00	5.00	
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	105.50	2.00	
295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	154.00		.50
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines...	372.75	9.00	
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	179.75	6.00	
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	90.50	2.00	
300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	112.50		
302	St. David.....	St. Thomas.....	554.00		
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	107.00		
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	181.00	3.00	
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	242.00	6.00	
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	151.00	5.00	
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	89.00		.50
309	Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	151.50		10.50
311	Blackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	103.00		
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	244.50		
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	143.00		3.50
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	193.50		
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	89.70		.50
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	503.00	6.50	
318	Wilmot.....	Baden.....	44.55		
319	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	249.50	9.00	
320	Chesterville.....	Chesterville.....	151.50		
321	Walker.....	Acton.....	163.50	1.00	
322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	351.10		
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	114.50	3.00	
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....	673.50	6.00	
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	94.00		
326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	763.50	10.00	
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	81.00	.50	
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	73.40		
329	King Solomon.....	Jarvis.....	114.50	3.00	
330	Corinthian.....	London.....	364.00	1.00	
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	66.00		1.00
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	342.50		
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	136.50	5.50	
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	109.00		
336	Highgate.....	Highgate.....	116.75	6.00	
337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson...	94.50	2.00	
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	45.50	87.50	
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	619.50	4.00	
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton.....	76.50	6.00	
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	534.00	3.00	
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester St'n.	99.50		
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	138.00		
346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	581.10		
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	125.00		
348	Georgian.....	Penetanguishene	156.50		
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	334.50	13.00	

354	Brock.....	Cannington.....	83.00	.50
356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	131.00	
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	246.00	
358	Delaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	99.50	4.00
359	Vittoria.....	Vittoria.....	85.00	3.00
360	Muskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	148.70	3.00
361	Waverly.....	Guelph.....	437.00	2.00
362	Maple Leaf.....	Tara.....	88.00	
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	85.50	
367	St. George.....	Toronto.....	568.50	2.50
368	Salem.....	Brockville.....	346.00	6.00
369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	293.00	6.00
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	115.50	
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	392.00	1.00
372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	187.00	
373	Copestone.....	Welland.....	266.00	
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	43.50	
375	Lorne.....	Omeme.....	107.00	
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	216.50	2.50
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	147.50	7.00
378	King Solomon's.....	London.....	470.00	1.50
379	Middlesex.....	Bryanston.....	82.70	
380	Union.....	London.....	386.50	3.00
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	597.00	4.00
383	Henderson.....	Winchester.....	117.50	
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	667.00	
385	Spry.....	Beeton.....	106.00	1.00
386	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	198.50	.50
387	Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	108.00	
388	Henderson.....	Ilderton.....	142.75	
389	Crystal Fountain.....	North Augusta.....	118.25	7.50
390	Florence.....	Florence.....	129.00	
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	186.25	6.50
392	Huron.....	Camlachie.....	118.00	
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	143.50	4.00
394	King Solomon.....	Thamesford.....	148.50	.50
395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	88.50	
396	Cedar.....	Warton.....	195.00	6.50
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	139.50	
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	109.30	
399	Moffatt.....	Harrietsville.....	73.00	
400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	324.00	2.50
401	Craig.....	Deseronto.....	153.00	
402	Central.....	Essex.....	189.00	.30
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	715.00	13.00
404	Lorne.....	Tamworth.....	80.50	
405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	87.00	
406	Spry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	116.00	1.00
408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	154.10	4.50
409	Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	160.00	3.50
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	561.00	7.20
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	138.00	1.00
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	503.80	8.00
413	Naphtali.....	Tilbury.....	133.50	
414	Pequonga.....	Kenora.....	328.00	6.00
415	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	496.00	1.00

416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	62.50	.50	
417	Keewatin.....	Keewatin.....	130.00		
418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	166.00		
419	Liberty.....	Sarnia.....	230.00		
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	305.50	8.00	
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	130.50		5.50
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	115.00		
423	Strong.....	Sundridge.....	119.50		
424	Doric.....	Pickering.....	104.50		
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	122.00	2.50	
426	Stanley.....	Toronto.....	551.50	10.50	
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	383.50	5.00	
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	192.00	8.00	
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	112.50		
430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	456.00	1.00	
431	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	51.50		
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	127.00		
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	123.30		
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	141.00		
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	188.50		12.50
436	Burns.....	Hepworth.....	123.00		
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	530.50	.50	
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	491.00	2.50	
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	115.50		
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	122.50		
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	107.00		
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	145.00	3.00	
443	Powassan.....	Powassan.....	153.50	5.00	
444	Nitetis.....	Creemore.....	114.00	6.00	
445	Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	122.00		
446	Granite.....	Fort Francis.....	218.00		
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	120.50	1.00	
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	81.50	3.00	
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	134.40		
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	105.50		
451	Somerville.....	Kinmount.....	73.50	3.00	
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore.....	102.50		1.00
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	276.80		
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	148.00	3.00	
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	112.00		.50
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	81.00	3.00	
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	165.50	1.00	
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	126.50		
459	Cobden.....	Cobden.....	139.00		
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	102.50	1.00	
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	135.45		2.50
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	215.40	6.00	
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	101.40		
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	109.20		
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	89.00	1.00	
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	123.50		
467	Tottenham.....	Tottenham.....	85.00		.50
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	142.70		
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	353.00	6.00	
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbour.....	167.00	1.00	
471	King Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	102.80	12.00	

472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	171.50	3.00
473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	494.50	3.00
474	Victoria.....	Toronto.....	465.00	
475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	604.00	13.00
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower.....	110.00	
477	Harding.....	Woodville.....	101.50	6.00
478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	117.00	
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	172.30	
480	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	63.00	
481	Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	430.00	2.00
482	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	205.00	4.00
483	Granton.....	Granton.....	85.50	
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	127.50	1.00
485	Haileybury.....	Haileybury.....	228.50	.50
486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	353.50	13.00
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	89.00	
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	161.00	7.00
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	178.50	1.00
490	Hiram.....	Markdale.....	69.00	
491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal.....	108.50	6.00
492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	117.50	5.00
493	St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	177.00	1.00
494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	440.50	1.00
495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	669.00	32.00
496	University.....	Toronto.....	585.25	12.00
497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	97.50	2.50
498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	104.00	
499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	365.00	6.00
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	169.00	12.00
501	Connaught.....	Mimico.....	273.50	7.00
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	125.60	3.00
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	110.00	
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	63.00	
505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	127.50	
506	Porcupine.....	Porcupine.....	221.00	13.50
507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	118.00	
508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	256.50	8.00
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	248.50	2.00
510	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	346.20	15.75
511	Connaught.....	W. Fort William.....	176.50	2.00
512	Malone.....	Sutton.....	161.00	
513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	687.50	7.00
514	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	424.00	2.00
515	Reba.....	Brantford.....	273.00	2.50
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	115.70	
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	67.00	1.00
518	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	196.50	
519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	96.00	4.00
520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	435.00	15.50
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	529.00	28.00
522	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	401.50	25.00
523	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	192.50	6.00
524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....	166.00	1.00
525	Temple.....	Toronto.....	435.60	1.00
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....	245.00	
527	Espanola.....	Espanola.....	131.00	

6.75

528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	233.00	13.50
529	Myra.....	Komoka.....	60.50	
530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	195.00	
531	High Park.....	Toronto.....	657.25	27.00
532	Canada.....	Toronto.....	437.10	1.50
533	Shamrock.....	Toronto.....	369.50	
534	Englehart.....	Englehart.....	150.50	
535	Phoenix.....	Fonthill.....	113.00	
536	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	134.00	6.00
537	Ulster.....	Toronto.....	789.50	13.50
538	Earl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	63.00	3.00
539	Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	181.00	2.00
540	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	157.00	1.00
541	Tuscan.....	Toronto.....	522.50	1.10
542	Metropolitan.....	Toronto.....	232.50	1.00
543	Imperial.....	Toronto.....	323.00	1.00
544	Lincoln.....	Abingdon.....	102.00	
545	John Ross Rob'tson.....	Toronto.....	427.00	6.00
546	Talbot.....	St. Thomas.....	315.50	10.00
547	Victory.....	Toronto.....	181.00	6.00
548	General Mercer.....	Toronto.....	348.50	1.00
549	Ionic.....	Hamilton.....	342.00	7.90
550	Buchanan.....	Hamilton.....	211.50	165.00
551	Tuscan.....	Hamilton.....	454.60	6.00
552	Queen City.....	Toronto.....	408.50	
553	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	230.10	
554	Border Cities.....	Windsor.....	174.00	12.00
555	Wardrope.....	Hamilton.....	372.00	2.00
556	Nation.....	Spencerville.....	73.50	
557	Finch.....	Finch.....	100.00	
558	Sidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	188.75	
559	Palestine.....	Toronto.....	227.50	12.50
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	226.50	
561	Acacia.....	Westboro.....	165.00	3.00
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	205.50	214.00
563	Victory.....	Chatham.....	276.00	8.00
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	203.80	
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	715.90	1.50
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	224.00	13.50
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	87.10	
568	Hullett.....	Londesboro.....	55.00	6.00
569	Doric.....	Lakeside.....	67.00	
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	274.00	5.00
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	249.10	1.00
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	391.50	17.50
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls.....	267.50	7.60
574	Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	92.10	
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	226.50	7.00
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	215.50	14.00
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	260.50	14.50
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	300.00	6.00
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	234.00	18.00
580	Acacia.....	London.....	259.00	9.00
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	66.00	
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	347.00	21.00
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	249.40	

584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	91.50	6.00	
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	133.00		
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	289.50	15.00	
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	228.00	1.00	
588	National.....	Capreol.....	157.50		
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	183.00	12.60	
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	160.50	6.00	
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	222.75	1.00	
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	143.00	1.00	
593	St. Andrews.....	Hamilton.....	443.85	13.00	
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	212.20	6.00	
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	145.50	10.00	
596	Martintown.....	Martintown.....	47.00		
597	Temple.....	London.....	160.50	1.00	
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	166.30	15.00	
599	Mount Dennis.....	Toronto.....	153.00	3.00	
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	192.00	2.00	
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	197.00	13.00	
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	181.00	1.00	
603	Campbell.....	Campbellville....	99.50	6.00	
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	146.00	8.80	
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	102.00	10.00	
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	193.60	7.00	
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	114.00	1.00	
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	108.00		
609	Tavistock.....	Tavistock.....	63.60	.50	
610	Ashlar.....	Byron.....	125.50		1.00
611	Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	130.00		
612	Birch Cliffe.....	Birch Cliffe.....	191.50	6.00	
613	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....	81.50	1.00	
614	Adanac.....	Merritton.....	78.00	1.00	
615	Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	69.00	6.00	
616	Perfection.....	St. Catharines...	86.50		
617	North Bay.....	North Bay.....	117.50	1.00	
618	Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	100.50	4.00	
619	Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	213.50	2.00	
620	Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	245.00	3.00	
621	Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	55.10	6.00	
622	Lorne.....	Chapleau.....	119.50		
623	Doric.....	Kirkland Lake....	180.60	1.00	
624	Dereham.....	Mt. Elgin.....	79.00	6.00	
625	Hatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie...	77.50		
626	Stamford.....	South End.....	148.00	2.00	
627	Pelee.....	Scudder.....	152.30	2.00	
628	Glenrose.....	Elmira.....	98.50	6.00	
629	Grenville.....	Toronto.....	242.45	7.00	
630	Prince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	161.00		
U.D.	Manitou.....	Emo.....	110.00	5.00	
U.D.	Long Branch.....	Mimico.....	135.50	6.00	
U.D.	Hastings.....	Hastings.....	51.50	3.00	
U.D.	Anthony Sayer.....	Mimico.....	20.00	7.00	
U.D.	Delta.....	Toronto.....	22.50	13.50	
U.D.	Wellington.....	Toronto.....	35.00		
U.D.	Hornepayne.....	Hornepayne.....	27.50	7.50	
U.D.	Beach.....	Burlington Bch...	37.50		
U.D.	Caledonia.....	Toronto.....		45.00	

U.D. Bedford.....	Toronto.....	20.00	12.00
U.D. Garden.....	Windsor.....		20.00
U.D. St. Andrews.....	Windsor.....		32.00

	\$124,777.80
Sundries.....	1,018.00
Interest.....	17,945.97
Debentures matured.....	2,689.78

\$146,431.55

GENERAL ACCOUNT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
Year ended May 31st, 1926

Fees, Registration of Initiations.....	\$14,598.00
Fees, Registration of Affiliations.....	580.50
Dues.....	100,312.00
Certificates.....	108.00
Constitutions.....	2,460.50
Dispensations.....	958.00
Ceremonies.....	159.80
Commutation of Dues.....	5,496.00
Warrants.....	50.00
Musical Rituals.....	51.50
Miscellaneous.....	1,021.50
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	\$125,795.80

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account:

Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	\$3,052.50	
Landed Banking and Loan Company.....	300.00	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	1,991.25	
Township of Barton.....	275.00	
City of Brandon.....	100.00	
City of Brantford.....	545.00	
City of Brockville.....	46.04	
Canada Permanent Trust.....	165.00	
Dom. of Canada, C.N. Equipment.....	75.00	
City of Hamilton.....	599.00	
Town of Kincardine.....	25.00	
Province of Manitoba.....	385.00	
City of New Westminster.....	500.00	
National Trust Company.....	550.00	
County of Oxford.....	75.48	
Province of Ontario.....	3,300.00	
City of Peterborough.....	230.46	
City of Port Arthur.....	50.00	
City of Strathcona.....	225.82	
City of St. Thomas.....	485.95	
City of Stratford.....	45.00	
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.....	978.72	
City of Toronto.....	1,840.33	
City of Woodstock.....	275.00	
Township of York.....	895.00	
Bank Interest.....	935.42	
	<hr/>	\$17,945.97
Total Revenue General Account.....		\$143,741.77
Debentures matured and paid—		
City of Brockville.....	689.78	
City of Hamilton.....	2,000.00	
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		\$146,431.55

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Year ended May 31st, 1926

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, salary to 31st March, 1926.....	\$375.00	
H. Vigeon, auditor, salary to 31st March, 1926.....	600.00	
W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, salary to 31st May, 1926.....	6,000.00	
W. J. Attig, Chief Clerk, salary to 31st May, 1926.....	3,000.00	
J. Place, Stenographer, salary to 31st May, 1926.....	2,000.00	
F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to 31st May, 1926.....	1,800.00	
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's Office.....	1,500.00	
Printing, Stationery, etc.....	612.14	
Ceremonies.....	84.84	
Special Printing.....	2,106.26	
Certificates and Warrants.....	721.99	
Proceedings, 1925.....	2,864.82	
Telephone Service.....	75.84	
Insurance on Furniture, etc., and Bond Premiums.....	178.74	
Safety Deposit Box rental.....	40.00	
Office Rent.....	1,000.00	
Postage on Proceedings.....	190.00	
Postage Chairmen of Committees.....	40.00	
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.....	250.00	
Allowance to Grand Master, 1925-26.....	1,500.00	
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	300.00	
Allowance to Deputy Grand Master.....	250.00	
Special Commissions.....	5.00	
Memorial Tributes.....	60.00	
U.S. and Canada Masonic Relief Association.....	263.35	
Repairs to Regalia and Typewriter.....	54.50	
Expenses, Consecrations, etc.....	161.60	
Grand Lodge Expenses, 1925.....	3,427.07	
Portraits and Framing.....	52.50	
Past Masters 50 year Jewels.....	263.41	
Expenses Grand Lodge Fort William and Port Arthur, 1926.....	105.50	
Sundries.....	20.00	
		\$29,902.56
Allowance to M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, expenses at Grand Lodge of Ireland, 1925.....	\$1,000.00	
United Grand Lodge of England.....	1,000.00	
Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.....	1,000.00	
Testimonial to M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Past Grand Master.....	500.00	
John Ross Robertson Library, Toronto.....	250.00	
		3,750.00

Inspector of Benevolence, J. B. Nixon.....	1,100.00	
Supervisor of Benevolence, Thos. Rowe.....	3,000.00	
Supervisor of Benevolence Travelling Ex- penses and Stenographer.....	722.23	
Allowance to Inspector of Benevolence, travelling expenses at Chicago	25.00	
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		\$4,847.23
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		\$38,499.79
Debentures purchased.....	1,983.07	
Benevolent Grants.....	98,135.00	
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		\$138,617.86

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Summary of Receipts for the year ending May 31st, 1926

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Additional contributions from Lodges:		
Stevenson, No. 218, Toronto.....	\$198.75	
Runnymede No. 619, Toronto.....	100.00	
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		\$298.75
Debentures matured:		
Town of Berlin.....	96.57	
Township of Etobicoke.....	769.17	
Dominion of Canada, War Loans.....	5,200.00	
City of Hamilton.....	3,000.00	
Town of Owen Sound.....	1,000.00	
City of St. Catharines.....	5,319.96	
City of Windsor.....	1,360.59	
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		\$16,746.29
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		\$17,045.04

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Interest on Investment and Bank Account as per detailed statement.....	5,259.06
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	\$22,304.10

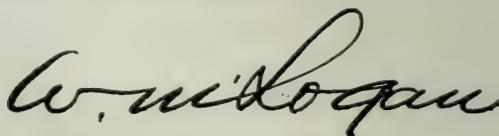
SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Revenue Account year ended May 31st, 1926

RECEIPTS

Dominion of Canada, War Loans.....	\$606.50
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	323.75
Town of Berlin.....	20.81
City of Belleville.....	49.22
Township of Barton.....	110.00
City of Calgary.....	180.00
Canada Permanent Trust Company.....	220.00
Town of Durham.....	76.42
Township of Etobicoke.....	186.99
Town of Galt.....	80.00
City of Hamilton.....	470.00
Town of Kincardine.....	50.00
Town of Lindsay.....	60.00
District of N. Vancouver.....	135.00
National Trust Company.....	77.00
Town of Owen Sound.....	259.55
Town of Oakville.....	239.37
Town of Oshawa.....	194.24
Province of Ontario.....	90.00
City of Peterborough.....	321.34
City of St. Catharines.....	212.80
Town of St. Mary's.....	405.00
City of Sault Ste. Marie.....	90.00
Municipality of Shuniah.....	50.00
Town of Strathroy.....	28.29
City of Toronto.....	55.00
Town of Walkerville.....	28.76
City of Windsor.....	234.65
Township of York.....	306.44
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	6.00
Bank Interest.....	91.93
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	\$5,259.06

All of which is fraternally submitted.



Grand Secretary

On motion of the D.G.M., seconded by the Grand Treasurer, it was resolved that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which follow herewith. It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, and resolved: That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

ALGOMA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I beg leave to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the District of Algoma for the Masonic year ending June, 1926.

My first official act after assuming office was to appoint Wor. Bro. C. E. Coombes of Fort William Lodge as District Secretary.

I take the opportunity of thanking the Presidents—Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Ferguson and Wor. Bro. G. Birtch and members of the Past Masters Association of Port Arthur and Fort William for their wise counsel and assistance, which have greatly helped me in the work. This organization is doing wonderful work in promoting harmony, good-will and co-operation among the Brethren. They hold four regular meetings each year and make an annual visit to each Lodge in the Twin Cities.

I have visited all Lodges in the District. The Masters are without exception able, devoted, courteous men, and inspiring in their efforts to make their Lodges a success. In most cases the Secretaries are Past Masters, and I found the books and records of the various Lodges in good order. Notices have been mailed regular and promptly. The work given by all Officers with decision, exactness, earnestness and sincerity, so that very little criticism has been necessary, and when given, of a minor character.

I accompanied Shuniah Lodge, Number 287 of Port Arthur, on a visit to Palestine Lodge, Number 70, Duluth, Minn., U.S.A., on September 19, 1925. I was received with all honour that was due a member of the Grand Lodge of Canada. After Lodge was officially opened, the Union Jack was carried forward in the Lodge by a Canadian ex-service man and all present joined in singing "God Save the King," after which the Stars and Stripes were similarly displayed while we sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The third degree was put on, Wor. Bro. Moore in the East. This happy event was considerably more than a casual get-together of the Masons of the two countries. It demonstrates that, though by an accident of birth, we may serve different flags, in Masonry there is no distinction of flags, but that all Masons stand on the common ground of Fraternal Brotherhood, endeavouring to practise and teach the great principles of Masonry. Such a tie binds together men of every country and thus forms a force for good that has no parallel in the world.

On December 28th, I held a joint installation of Fort William Lodge, Number 415, Connaught Lodge, Number 511, and Kaministiquia Lodge, Number 584, and was very ably assisted in the work by Rt. Wor. Bros. E. E. Wood, Rev. A. J. Bruce, A. C. Adams, and Wor. Bros. Lumby, Coombes, Hartley, Ewing, Faulkner, Watkins, and J. Cooper, Jr., who gave the final charge in a most exemplary manner. There were over three hundred Masons present. Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden.

On September 30th, at the request of the Most Wor., the Grand Master, with the assistance of the following Brethren, I laid the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Dryden: Rt. Wor. Bro. A. M. Taylor, Wor. Bros. T. Proudfoot, D. C. Dingwell, Scott, A. Berry, A. Clempson, F. Pinkerton, H. Humphries, and Bros. A. Burton, G. Wice, S. Swanson, H. Wilde, J. Stevenson, and M. S. Campbell. The ceremony was somewhat marred by a downpour of rain, but in spite of the weather the stone was well and truly laid.

The Town of Dryden impressed me as a town of homes, and there is nothing more fitting than that the Masons should follow the general example and have a home of their own, their rented lodge room having been recently burned. I made my official visit to the Lodge in the evening, and in spite of the dilapidated condition of the hall we proceeded with the work. The candidate, however, did not turn up, so they opened and closed from the first to third degree. By request of the Lodge, I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Wor. Bro. A. Berry. Wor. Bro. Scott was kind enough, the following day, to drive me 40 miles to Quibell when I took the train for Sioux Lookout.

On April 30th I again visited Golden Star Lodge and inspected their new hall. The painters were putting on the finishing touches, and I see by their notices that they are now meeting in their new home, a two-story brick and stone building, the Lodge room being upstairs, with a large recreation hall below. The building is a credit to the Dryden Brethren. Rt. Wor. Bro. Taylor and his estimable wife entertained me at their home while in Dryden, for which I thank them.

Sioux Lookout Lodge No. 518, Sioux Lookout.

On October 2nd, I made my official visit to Sioux Lookout Lodge. This is largely composed of railway men and, owing to it being the busy season, there was

not a large turnout. The candidate failed to appear. We opened and closed in the three degrees, Wor. Bro. R. A. Shields in the East. The officers all seemed competent. I had the pleasure of presenting Wor. Bro. A. Hainsworth with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the Lodge. I am much indebted to Wor. Bro. R. A. Shields and his good lady for courtesies extended to me while in Sioux Lookout.

Connaught Lodge No. 511, Fort William, West.

I made my official visit to Connaught Lodge on October 19th. The Past Masters did the work in the first degree. The regular officers opened up to the third degree, Wor. Bro. A. E. Wray in the East. The Senior Warden being absent, Bro. Sinfield, one of the younger members of the Lodge was placed in the chair and made a very creditable Senior Warden. The Secretary's books are a model of neatness and would be a credit to any organization.

On February 8th, I attended their annual "At Home" and as entertainers, Connaught Lodge is unexcelled. I also officially visited this Lodge in connection with the Past Masters annual visit when Bro. Askin gave an address on Pulp and Paper Making. There was no candidate. Lodge was raised to third degree. The new Master, C. E. Schoales, gave a good account of himself.

Shuniah Lodge No. 287, Port Arthur.

This is the oldest, strongest and wealthiest Lodge in the District. The outstanding event of this Lodge for the year was the visit of Most Worshipful Bro. J. A. Rowland, Grand Master, together with Right Worshipful Bros. Logan and Richardson on April 6th. Right Worshipful Bros. Rowland and Richardson and myself were introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Morgan and given grand honours. I had the honour of introducing the Grand Master, who was also given grand honours fitting to his rank. About two hundred were present at this meeting. After a short Lodge session with Wor. Bro. F. G. Lovelady

in the East, adjournment was made to the Prince Arthur Hotel, where an excellent banquet was enjoyed, followed by addresses by the Most Wor., the Grand Master, and Rt. Wor. Bros. Logan and Richardson, which were interesting, entertaining and instructive. I visited this Lodge with the Past Masters Association on November 3rd. The proceedings were enlivened by a very fine orchestra composed entirely of their own members. A distinguished visitor on this occasion was Rt. Wor. Bro. Chapman, a Past Grand Officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, England.

On December 15th, this Lodge, put on a stag party for their own members, to which about one hundred and fifty members turned out. The invitation and the party were unique. It was some night, with a dandy programme and stunts galore. We were instructed to laugh and make the other fellow laugh and we showed our appreciation by following instructions. I think the idea is a good one and has a tendency to keep the Brethren interested in their Lodge. I officially visited this Lodge on March 2nd and read the Grand Master's letter on benevolence. There were no candidates and five ballots were passed successfully, Wor. Bro. F. G. Lovelady in the East.

On June 11th, by request of Shuniah Lodge, I attended the Doric Club at Schreiber and gave them an address on Early Masonic History in the afternoon. In the evening they entertained with a dance and card party. There are about sixty-two members of this club, mostly members of Shuniah Lodge, who make a practice of sending speakers down about once a month.

Fort William Lodge No. 415, Fort William.

I officially visited this Lodge on March 10th and was introduced by Wor. Bro. Hartley. This is my Mother Lodge, and it is needless to say that I received a very enthusiastic welcome. There was balloting, but no other work. Lodge was opened up to third degree. The balance of the evening was taken up in

discussing benevolent work. This Lodge has quite a number of beneficiaries in the shape of widows, needy Brothers and orphans, who are all well looked after.

On September 9th, Wor. Bro. J. Bell was in the chair. An address was given by Bro. (Rev.) Tuer on King Tut's Tomb, which was very much appreciated.

On October 15th, the Brethren of Grand Marais Lodge Number 322, Minn., made a fraternal visit. Third degree was exemplified, the visiting Brethren being much impressed by the difference of the work under the two jurisdictions. Fort William Lodge promised to return the visit at an early date.

On November 25th, Wor. Bro. J. Bell in the East. Four third degrees were put on in a very able manner. Wor. Bros. Goodeve, Cameron, Grant and Carson each taking one degree. On February 2nd, I attended the Annual "At Home." As entertainers 415 have always held a good reputation, and they certainly did not fall down on this occasion. On May 12th, with Wor. Bro. Sutcliffe in the East, initiation was carried on. After closing of Lodge, Bro. Hancock gave an address on China Clay Deposits and W. A. Dowler on the Possibilities of the District of Thunder Bay. On June 23rd, Wor. Bro. Sutcliffe, assisted by Wor. Bros. Burton, Hegal and myself conferred the third degree on three candidates. This Lodge is the second largest Lodge in the District.

Royal Lodge No. 453, Fort William.

I attended this Lodge on January 6th, on Old Timers' Night. On January 20th, Wor. Bro. Marr, acting as Wor. Master, put on the first degree. On February 9th, they held their Annual At Home, which was a great success. On March 3rd I made a semi-official visit and read the Grand Master's letter on benevolence and discussed the same. There were two ballots, two initiations and two raisings. Wor. Bro. Gillespie in the East. The officers did very creditably.

On April 7th, I made my official visit to this Lodge. On the same night the Past Masters Association made their annual visit and I had the pleasure of assisting the Brethren in doing honour to the Most Wor. the Grand Master on his visit to their Lodge. Most Wor. Bro. Rowland was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Logan and Rt. Wor. Bro. Richardson. Rt. Wor. Bro. Adams gave a stirring address on behalf of the Past Masters Association. There were over two hundred Brethren present. The address given by Most Wor. Bro. Rowland was most inspiring, and no doubt will live long in the memory of those whose privilege it was to hear it. On June 2nd the election of officers took place and I gave an address to the year's newly-elected candidates. On June 24th the installation ceremony was very ably performed by Wor. Bro. J. R. Lumby.

Kaministiquia Lodge No. 584, Fort William.

I officially visited this Lodge on February 22nd and was introduced by Wor. Bro. Knutson, and Wor. Bro. Lumby. The second degree was exemplified, the sitting Master, Wor. Bro. W. K. Wickens in the East. The degree was put on in a very impressive manner. This is a young Lodge, just getting into its stride, and gives promise of developing into a good strong Lodge. I also visited this Lodge on March 22nd. The first degree was put on by a degree team. Bro. J. A. Dyke addressed the Brethren on the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire. I congratulate the Brethren on their work and Bro. Dyke on his speech.

Port Arthur Lodge No. 499, Port Arthur.

I officially visited this Lodge on March 8th. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Ferguson. The sitting Master, Wor. Bro. J. W. Maunder in the East. This occasion was also the annual visit of the Past Masters Association, Bro. (Rev.) Geo. S. Clendinnen being the speaker of the evening. Balloting was the only work. There were six applications—two rejected and four accepted. This Lodge especially prides itself on their benevolent work. On February 12th I at-

tended their Annual At Home. I also attended a Father-and-Son Banquet given by this Lodge on March 29th. This was a very enjoyable affair. The boys especially seemed to enjoy the speeches and made a wonderful impression at the Banquet Table.

Granite Lodge No. 446, Fort Frances.

I officially visited this Lodge on April 19th in their splendid Temple. The Lodge appointments are unique and somewhat different from the usual ornaments. The furnishings and officers' regalia were purchased in England. There was a large attendance, including 25 visitors from across the line—International Falls, and a goodly number from Emo. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Walker. The second degree was exemplified correctly and impressively with the sitting Master, Wor. Bro. F. Morrison in the East. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Wilson, who was born in 1840, made a Mason when 23 years old in 1863, so that he is now 63 years a Mason, and still able to attend Lodge. This is quite a record. This was my first visit to the Rainy River District, and I take this opportunity of thanking the Brethren of this District for their courtesy, hearty welcome and many acts of kindness extended to me during my visit.

Manitou Lodge U.D., Emo.

I officially visited this Lodge on April 20th, having been driven the 25 miles from Fort Frances by Wor. Bro. Morrison. Many of the Fort Frances Brethren joined in the procession with their autos. The hall was filled to capacity and we had a splendid, enthusiastic meeting. The first degree was correctly worked by Bro. R. B. Langstaff as Master, Bro. C. R. Lyons acting Senior Warden and Bro. F. A. Mathison acting Junior Warden, who gave the Junior Warden's lecture in a masterly manner. The Senior Warden, Bro. R. Pattison has been ill for seven months and unable to attend Lodge. The candidate was the fifty-first member to sign the by-laws. This Lodge is named after Manitou Point on the Rainy River, where there is a prehistoric mound from which copper instruments have been taken. There is every prospect of this

becoming a good Lodge, and I can conscientiously recommend that they be granted a charter.

Ionic Lodge No. 461, Rainy River.

I officially visited this Lodge on April 21st. Wor. Bro. E. E. Jess in the East. There was an overflow attendance, a number of the Brethren motoring in from Emo, Wor. Bro. Langstaff being kind enough to drive me down. There were several Brethren in attendance from Osiris Lodge, Boudet, Minnesota. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. McGregor. The first degree was exemplified, the Junior Warden, Bro. Heney, giving a splendid rendition of the Junior Warden's lecture. After the close of the Lodge we adjourned to a large hall for the banquet, which was a sumptuous affair, put on by the members' ladies. Wor. Bro. L. N. Laponte made a fine address on behalf of the American visitors, stressing the cordial relations existing between the Brethren of the United States and Canada.

Pequonga Lodge No. 414, Kenora.

My official visit to this Lodge was made on April 27th, and I was introduced by my old friend Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Brydon. There was a large attendance. The first degree was conferred in a most excellent manner by Wor. Master Bro. A. Stevenson and his officers. The officers are all bright and smart and there is plenty of good material both in them and other members for the highest positions in the gift of the Lodge. The Lodge was originally instituted by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and transferred to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario after the settlement of the boundary dispute between the two Provinces. A pleasing incident was the speech by the Veteran Bro. (Rev.) Nairn.

Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 455, Kenora.

I made my official visit to this Lodge on April 28th, and was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. G. W. Smith. The third degree was conferred in a most

efficient manner by Wor. Bro. W. Boquist and his officers, the candidate being well versed in the work of the preceding degrees. There was a good attendance, a number of the Brethren from Pequonga being present. The musical part of the service was presided over by Wor. Bro. C. H. Carpenter, who is a master of the organ.

Keewatin Lodge No. 417, Keewatin.

I officially visited this Lodge April 29th and was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Cherry. There was a large attendance. The hall was filled to capacity. A number of the Brethren motored over from Kenora. There was not room enough in the East to hold the Past Masters present. This Lodge has a set of hand-painted charts that are very artistic. They were new to me and the only set of the kind in the District that I know of. The first degree was conferred in a most impressive manner by Wor. Bro. C. C. Galloway and his officers. Wor. Bro. Galloway comes by his ability to govern honestly, as his father and two brothers preceded him in this Lodge. One brother, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. S. Galloway being D.D.G.M. in 1924. Thunder Bay Lodge No. 618, Port Arthur.

I officially visited this Lodge on May 6th. This was also the occasion of the annual visit of the Past Masters Association. Wor. Bro. H. S. Chase in the East. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Knutson. The third degree was worked in a satisfactory way by the Wor. Master, assisted by Wor. Bros. Knutson, Grant and Rome. This is the baby Lodge of the District and gives promise of a good future. They had only four candidates for initiation to date this year. They have a good set of officers and a very energetic secretary, so that taking everything into consideration I think their prospects are bright. I was present on December 3rd for the installation of the officers for 1926. Wor. Bro. McComb installed, doing the most of the work, including the final charge in fine style. The installed Masters' degree was presided over by Wor. Bro. Lunby. On June 27th, under the auspices of this

Lodge, the Brethren of Port Arthur attended divine service. There was one hundred and sixty Brethren out.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the Brethren of the District my appreciation of the many kindnesses and attentions given me in every Lodge in the District and to thank the Brethren of the District for the privilege I have had and the friendship I have formed in endeavoring to serve you as District Deputy Grand Master:

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEO. H. COO, D.D.G.M.,

Algoma District.

BRANT DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit my report for your consideration on the condition of Masonry in Brant District No. 23, for the year just closing.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. Geo. L. Miller District Secretary, and Bro. (Rev.) W. T. Brown, of Knox Church, Jarvis, Ont., District Chaplain, and to these two Brethren I am much indebted for their kind and able assistance to me in visiting the Lodges of the District.

I must first express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the District for the high honor they conferred upon me, in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and for their splendid support given me throughout the entire District during my term of office.
St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga.

I paid my official visit to St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, on Oct. 8th, 1925, and was accompanied by a large number of Brethren of King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis.

The second degree was exemplified on a splendid candidate in a most impressive manner by the Master and his officers. There were visiting Brethren present from neighboring Lodges. St. John's is in a fine condition and the books are well looked after by Bro. H. J. Hoshal, the Secretary.
Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden.

On Oct. 28th, 1925, I visited Lynden Lodge No. 505. I am very much pleased to report Lynden Lodge in a flourishing condition.

Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga, Ont.

On Oct. 30th, 1925, I made my official visit to this Lodge. The first degree was worked in such a manner that the candidate could not fail to be well impressed with the principles of Masonry. The Lodge is in fine condition and the Brethren dwell in harmony.

St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris, Ont.

Paid my official visit to this Lodge on Nov. 10th, 1925. The records are well kept by Bro. H. Lester, the Secretary. The degree was well put on by the Master, Wor. Bro. Mason, and here we were again well received and royally treated by all the Brethren. Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland, Ont.

On Nov. 16th, 1925, I paid my official visit to

this Lodge, and was accompanied by Wor. Bro. John Thomson, Wor. Bro. Geo. L. Miller, District Secretary, and Bro. (Rev.) W. T. Brown, District Chaplain. We received a hearty welcome. The books are well kept by Wor. Bro. C. W. Stuart, Secretary. Scotland Lodge is in a splendid condition, have excellent quarters, which they own, and is well equipped in every way. The degree work as exemplified is most impressive and the Brethren of Scotland Lodge practise Charity in every sense of the word in a highly eminent degree. Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford.

Visited Wilson Lodge on Nov. 25th, 1925, accompanied by District Secretary and District Chaplain. The Brethren gave us a most cordial reception. Wilson Lodge is one of the best furnished Lodges to be found anywhere, and is very fortunate in having so many beautiful pictures of past officers adorning its walls.

The Master and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified the questions and answers in the three degrees.

Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford, Ont.

On Jan. 6th, 1926, I paid my official visit to this Lodge and had the honor of installing the Master and officers for the year. There was no other Lodge work on this evening. Burford Brethren are fortunate in owning such a fine building for their Lodge.

Roba Lodge No. 515 and Ozias Lodge No. 508,
Brantford, Ont.

I paid my official visit at a joint meeting of these two Lodges on Feb. 16th, 1926. The degree work as exemplified by these two Lodges was most impressive. The Masters and officers all are well aware of the importance of exact work, and its good effect on the candidate, and they surely carry it out. My reception was most cordial.

Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford, Ont.

Paid my official visit to this Lodge on March 9th, 1926. The second degree was worked in a manner that reflects credit on the Master and officers of the Lodge. The books are in most excellent condition and may surely be considered a model for any Lodge to copy. The prospects of the Lodge are good. I must also state that the Lodge believes in and practises Charity in every sense of the word.

Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford.

On March 19th, 1926, I paid my official visit to Doric Lodge and was received in true Masonic spirit, and, as with sister Lodges in Brantford, Doric is right up-to-date in every department. Charity is well known and practised in this Lodge. The books are also model in form and most carefully kept. The work in the Lodge is done in a manner second to none. The prospects of Doric are good.

Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville.

On the afternoon of April 29th, 1926, I had the honor and pleasure of dedicating the new Lodge room of Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville. In this work

I was most ably assisted by the Past Masters of Hiram and a number of the sister Lodges and Grand Lodge Officers. It was a sublime and impressive ceremony, and the event will long be remembered by all who were present. In the evening of same day I paid my official visit to this Lodge. The second degree was worked. The Lodge is in good condition and has excellent prospects.

King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis.

On May 21st, 1926, I paid my official visit to King Solomon Lodge, Jarvis, and was received in the same sincere and cordial manner as in sister Lodges. King Solomon is enjoying a fair measure of prosperity. The work is well down and the officers endeavor to do their best at all times. There was no degree work on this occasion, but I am well aware of the work done in King Solomon Lodge, as I frequently attend the regular meetings.

St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George.

On May 27th, 1926, I paid my official visit to St. George Lodge No. 243. My reception was most cordial. I was introduced to the Master, Officers and Brethren by P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Jas. McNeilly, who gave me a most flattering introduction, and to me it was most gratifying to be introduced by Bro. McNeilly, whom I have known all my life and hold in high esteem.

St. George Lodge enjoys prosperity. The prospects are good. The books are well kept by Wor. Bro. W. J. Scott, the Secretary. The Master and Officers do the work well.

Brant District No. 23 was signally honored by a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, John A. Rowland, on the night of Jan. 21st, 1926, when the Brethren of the District representing all the Lodges in the District to the number of over five hundred sat down to a banquet in the hall of the Temple Building in the city of Brantford.

A lengthy toast list was gone through and splendid speeches made by all those who took part, and, altogether, it was a night long to be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

In conclusion, I wish once more to thank the Brethren throughout Brant District for the honor they conferred on me, for the many courtesies extended to me, the assistance given me and for the many kind attentions shown to me, for all of which I hereby express my sincere appreciation.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. J. PARSONS, D.D.G.M.,
Brantford District.

BRUCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

It is with great pleasure I submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of Bruce District No. 24 for the Masonic year just closed.

I desire first to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the Brethren of the District in electing me to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master, and for the loyal and hearty support they have given me throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to meet so many outstanding men in this part of the Province, and I shall long cherish the friendships made.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. C. L. Eedy of Harriston Lodge No. 262 as the District Secretary and also Wor. Bro. W. D. McLellan as District Chaplain. I was indeed very fortunate in having such a capable Secretary as Wor. Bro. Eedy, who gave me such able assistance and kind co-operation during the year. I am deeply indebted to him for his services, for which I express my sincere appreciation.

During the year I have visited every Lodge in the District, and it gives me much pleasure to report that Masonry throughout the District is in a very bright and prosperous condition.

Official Visits.

Harriston Lodge No. 262.

I paid my first official visit to my mother Lodge, Harriston No. 262, on April 13th, 1926, and was introduced to the W.M. and Officers by Wor. Bro. Blacker and Wor. Bro. Clark and received a very cordial wel-

come from Wor. Bro. Hardy and the Brethren. There being no work for the evening, the officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very capable manner, and as I have had the privilege of observing the Degree work in this Lodge on previous occasions during the year I can heartily commend their work. The Past Masters have been most faithful and are to be commended for the zeal that they show in the work. Wor. Bro. Hucks is a very capable Secretary and his notices to the Brethren are anticipated with interest. Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton.

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge officially on the evening of April 23rd, and at the request of the Wor. Master the third degree was exemplified in a very capable manner by Wor. Bros. Boss and Grant, two Past Masters of the Lodge. Having visited this Lodge on former occasions, I realized that they had very capable Past Masters, but I would suggest that in the future when the D.D.G.M. is paying his official visit that the Wor. Master at least work one of the degrees, so that the Deputy would be in a position to review his work. The Lodge is to be congratulated on their Lodge equipment and also in their Secretary, Wor. Bro. Boss, who is one of the outstanding workers for Masonry, not only in his own Lodge but throughout the District.

Port Elgin Lodge No. 429, Port Elgin.

I visited this Lodge on the evening of May 13th, accompanied by the District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Eedy, and by R.W. Bros. Walker and McDonald. I was introduced to the Wor. Master and Brethren by the two P.D.D.G.M.'s and received a very cordial reception. There being no work for the evening, Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and I was very favorably impressed by the work of the officers. The books of the Lodge are kept in a very neat condition and the Brethren are to be congratulated in their choice of Wor. Bro. Wyant as Secretary. Burns Lodge No. 436, Hepworth.

I paid my official visit to this Lodge on the evening of May 14th, and was introduced to the Lodge by R.W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M. Wor. Bro. F. C. Campbell extended to me a very warm welcome on behalf of the Lodge and it was a pleasure to again meet R.W. Bro. Foster, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Cameron, P.D.D.G.M., Very Wor. Bro. McBride and other distinguished visitors. The second degree was conferred with the musical ritual on a well-prepared candidate and, the Wor. Master is to be congratulated, along with his officers, on their impressive work.

Clifford Lodge No. 315, Clifford.

I visited this Lodge on the evening of May 17th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Eedy, District Secretary, and a number of the Brethren from my home Lodge. I was introduced to Wor. Bro. Fulton and the Brethren and received a very cordial reception. There was a splendid attendance of the Brethren and the Wor. Master and officers exemplified the Third Degree in a very capable manner. The Brethren are to be congratulated in having one of the best equipped Lodges in the District, and I can honestly report that Masonry is in a very healthy condition in this Lodge. The Secretary's Books are in good condition and he is a very painstaking officer.

Cedar Lodge No. 396, Wiarton.

I visited this Lodge on the evening of May 25th and was introduced to the Lodge by R.W. Bro. Cameron, P.D.D.G.M., and received a very warm welcome from Wor. Bro. Dobson and members of the Lodge. The work of the Third Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, and the Lodge is to be congratulated on the number of active and efficient Past Masters. Bro. M. T. Hanson is a very capable Secretary, and his books are in a splendid condition. I consider Cedar Lodge one of the strongest Lodges in the District.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 362, Tara.

Visited this Lodge on the evening of May 26th and was royally received by R.W. Bro. Walker, the immediate P.D.D.G.M., and introduced to Wor. Bro. Tindall and the members and was very cordially received. There were several Past Grand Lodge Officers, in the persons of R.W. Bros. McDonald and Walker and V.W. Bros. Brooks and Collins present. The degree work for the evening was exemplified in a very capable manner and shows the careful instructions of the former District Deputy Grand Master. Wor. Bro. Shannon is one of the efficient Secretaries of the District and his work is outstanding.

Forest Lodge No. 393, Chesley.

My official visit to this Lodge was on the evening of May 27, and I was introduced to Wor. Bro. Elliott and members present by R.W. Bro. Ross and received a very cordial reception. The degree work was satisfactorily worked upon a splendid candidate, and the Wor. Master is to be congratulated on his staff of officers, and I would especially mention the work of his genial Secretary, Wor. Bro. Stevens.

Hanover Lodge No. 432, Hanover.

On May 28th I made an official visit to this Lodge and was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Eedy, District Sec. We received a most hearty welcome and had the pleasure of seeing the work of the Third Degree, using the musical ritual, exemplified in the most creditable manner, by Wor. Bro. Engel, assisted by five Past Masters. Hanover Lodge is to be congratulated on their beautiful Lodge room, splendid equipment and enthusiastic Past Masters. In Wor. Bro. Staples they have an outstanding Secretary and a splendid worker.

St. Lawrence Lodge No. 131, Southampton.

I visited this Lodge on the evening of June 1st, but, through some misunderstanding, the Brethren were not aware that I had chosen this date to pay my official visit and there were but seven members

present, the Wor. Master and both the Jr. and Sr. Warden being absent. I would suggest to the incoming Master that he impress upon every officer the importance of their regular and prompt attendance at all Lodge meetings. This Lodge has a splendid building, well equipped, and under the careful guidance of R.W. Bros. Scott and Goodier, should show progress in the year upon which we are entering. I hope to be able to make another visit to this Lodge before my term expires.

Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill.

My official visit to this Lodge was on the evening of June 14th, 1926, when I had the pleasure of being introduced to Wor. Bro. Lee and members by R.W. Bro. Sirrs, P.D.D.G.M., and was very kindly received and welcomed. There being no work for the evening, Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees after discussion and a social hour was then spent. I am satisfied that Wor. Bro. Lee, who is a clergyman, and his officers are most capable, and the Lodge are to be complimented in having a faithful and painstaking Secretary in Wor. Bro. Zeigler.

Aldwarth Lodge No. 235, Paisley.

My last official visit for the year was to this Lodge, and I was welcomed by the largest attendance of members of any Lodge in the District. The degree work of the evening left very little opening for criticism, and this Lodge is to be congratulated on their Wor. Master and the other officers of the Lodge. They have some very faithful Past Masters, and in Bro. Hugh McKerracher a capable Secretary. The finances are sound and their business properly conducted.

Lodge of Instruction

Walkerton, May 21st, 1926.—A most successful Lodge of Instruction was held at Walkerton on this date, when the District were signally honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. J. A. Rowland, accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. M.

Logan, Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. J. H. Spence and R.W. Bros. F. W. Walker, Wm. Morrison, M. J. McPherson, G. S. Fowler, W. T. Ross, J. F. Grant and V.W. Bro. E. A. Hay. These distinguished Brethren, together with the Wor. Masters, Past Masters and all visiting and Bruce District members made a splendid gathering.

The Lodge was opened at 1.45 p.m. by the officers of Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton, who so kindly placed their Lodge at the disposal of the District. Charge was then taken by the officers of Aldworth Lodge, Paisley, who exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable manner and left very little room for criticism. At 3.13 p.m. Clifford Lodge No. 315 assumed the chairs and conferred the Second Degree, and the R.W. Bro., who was acting as critic, highly complimented the Wor. Master and his officers on their exceptionally fine work. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree by Hanover Lodge No. 532, and this beautiful degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Engel, assisted by five of his Past Masters, being put on by the musical ritual, added greatly to the impressiveness of the work. Lodge closed at 6 p.m., and the members retired to the banquet hall and, after enjoying a splendid repast, were favored with an address by M.W. Bro. Rowland, that will long be remembered in the District. His address was of a very high order and was greatly appreciated by the Brethren. R.W. Bro. Logan, in his breezy and genial manner, was an able assistant to the Grand Master, and I regret that space will not permit me to give a more complete report of this most successful gathering.

In concluding this report, I thank the Brethren of Bruce District for their kindness, courtesy and the warmth of the reception given me on all occasions. My circle of Masonic friendship has been enlarged, my vision broadened, and I shall ever look back on the pleasant intercourse held with my Brethren during my year of service.

Fraternally submitted,

D. P. MacFARLANE, D.D.G.M.,
Bruce District.

CHATHAM DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Freemasonry in Chatham District during the past year. But let me first convey to the good Brethren of the District my sincere thanks for their hearty support and splendid co-operation in tendering me the unanimous vote of the District one year ago. Assuming the responsible duties pertaining to the office at that time, I felt that I had undertaken something that was considerably in advance of what the everyday craftsman is generally accustomed to, but the days and weeks rolled by and the year is almost drawing to a close, and after so much kindness, courtesy and hospitality it seems almost like a sacrifice to now relinquish the honor. On Nov. 25th I had the honor of celebrating with the Highgate Brethren their fiftieth anniversary. This was a very happy function. It took the form of a banquet, which was followed by addresses by W. Bro. McPhail, Rev. Osborne, R.W. Bro. C. Clements of Chatham, R.W. Bro. Perkins, Grand Chaplain, and R.W. Bro. Birnie Smith of London.

On May 5th also, I had the pleasure of attending another jubilee celebration, that of Hammond Lodge, Wardsville,, when the good Brethren there did honor to the occasion by a banquet at 6 o'clock. This was followed by a programme of speeches and music, the evening concluding with dancing.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to a Lodge of Instruction which was held in the Armories, Chatham, on May 14th, under the auspices of Wellington Lodge No. 46, the oldest Lodge in the District. This was a real red letter day, the weather was ideal and

Brethren were present from every Lodge in the District.

At 1.30 o'clock the officers of Wellington Lodge opened the first degree, where the officers of Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville with W. Bro. Neil McMillan in the east assumed the chair and exemplified the first degree in a faultless manner. This was followed by the second degree which was worked by the officers of "Star of the East" Lodge Bothwell, with Bro. Hankinson in the worshipful master's chair. After the banquet which was served at six o'clock there was a reception of all the sitting masters of the District and all past and present Grand Lodge officers who were in attendance. The officers of Victory Lodge, Chatham, then exemplified the M. M. degree in a most pleasing and impressive manner; the Most Worshipful the Grand Master then delivered a most forceful address. Other speakers of the evening were R. W. Bro. Love, D.D.G.M. of London District, R. W. Bro. Empey of St. Mary's and R. W. Bro. Kelly of Florence. The arrangement of the program was in the hands of the officers of Parthenon Lodge of Chatham. Other interesting features of the evening were presentations to the M.W. the Grand Master of an address by the sitting Masters of the District, and to myself of a Masonic ring with diamond setting by the Chatham Lodges. Over one thousand were present at the evening session.

I made my first official visit to Tecumseh Lodge No. 245 on Sept. 28th, when about thirty of my own brethren from Lorne Lodge accompanied me. Tecumseh Lodge is one of the most up-to-date in the district, and the officers are carrying on in a most satisfactory and healthy manner. W. Bro. Neil McMillan is the W.M. and has a very capable staff of officers to assist. They exemplified the entered apprentice degree, using the musical ritual which they have recently introduced. During the evening an unusually pleasing incident occurred when R. W. Bro. Graham, their able secretary, presented the Lodge with a new bible. This splendid gift was graciously acknowledged by the W.M.

On Oct. 5th, I visited Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate. Worshipful Bro. McPherson is the Worshipful Master, and with his officers, conferred the First Degree in their usual efficient manner. This Lodge is doing good work; they have a very comfortable and attractive lodge room with an exceptionally fine set of chairs for their officers. The degree work was followed by a very interesting and helpful discussion. Short addresses were given by W. Bro. Mima of Wardsville, W. Bro. Burnett of Rodney and W. Bros. Davidson, Yorke and Lethbridge, Glencoe. Highgate Lodge is to be congratulated on having arrived at their jubilee anniversary, which they purpose celebrating in a fitting and appropriate manner.

On Oct. 26th, I visited Howard Lodge No. 391 Ridgetown. It was the regular meeting and among other matters of business was balloting for two candidates. This was done in a very pleasing manner, the Stewards acting for the Deacons who were absent, doing exceedingly well. After this the E. A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Stennet and his officers. The W.M. had his work well but was handicapped by the absence of a number of his officers. A number of the other officers showed a marked lack of practice which made it very difficult for the Master to make the work impressive. W. Bro. Routledge is a very capable secretary and has his books in good shape, showing comparatively little dues in arrears.

On Nov. 27th, I visited Florence Lodge No. 390. This lodge is meeting in the Oddfellow's Hall, their new hall not being finished yet. After the usual routine work, W. Bro. Huston and his officers exemplified the E. A. degree in a very impressive manner. R. W. Bro. Graham of Thamesville was present and on behalf of Tecumseh Lodge presented Florence Lodge with a beautiful volume of the "Sacred Law." R.W. Bro. Clements of Chatham was also present and on behalf of the Chatham lodges presented Florence Lodge with the sacred symbol, two columns and

a set of gravels. V. Bro. Bodkin replied very fittingly to these presentations. Florence lodge is to be congratulated not only on its good work but also on its new lodge which is nearing completion. W. Bro. Beatty is a capable and efficient secretary.

On Dec. 2nd, I visited Parthenon Lodge No. 267, Chatham. It was a regular meeting and a large number of the members were present. Parthenon is the largest lodge in the District and is carrying on in a most satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Robinson is the W.M. and is well supported by a large number of Past Masters. The work of the evening was the first degree, all the officers taking their respective parts in a very pleasing and able manner.

On Feb. 9th, I visited officially my mother lodge (Lorne 282). The brethren gave me a very hearty welcome after which they exemplified the Entered Apprentice degree. W. Bro. Freele and his officers were assisted in the work by W. Bro. Parrott, V.W. Bro. Huston, W. Bro. Davidson, W. Bro. Lumley and W. Bro. Diggon, the work being done in a very impressive manner. Lorne Lodge uses the musical ritual in all its work which adds greatly to its impressiveness.

On April 19th, I visited Kent Lodge No. 274, Blenheim, when the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Addinall and his officers, assisted by several past masters. The officers of this lodge showed they had a very complete grasp of the work, which was done in an impressive manner. Of special mention is W. Bro. Baird who took the work at the north side of the altar in an absolutely faultless manner. Kent Lodge has a very attractive lodge room, also club room accommodation, and the fraternal spirit is good. Others who assisted in the work of the degree were W. Bro. Fellows and W. Bro. Von Gunten. W. Bro. Crookshanks is the secretary and his books are models of neatness. R.W. Bro. Baird of Kingsville was present and gave a very impressive address.

On April 21st, I visited Century Lodge No. 457, Merlin, when W. Bro. Armstrong and his officers exemplified the Fellow Craft degree. There being no regular candidate, Bro. Woodsley of Chatham volunteered to act. W. Bro. Armstrong does his work well, but was handicapped by the absence of a number of his officers. Special mention is due W. Bro. Robertson, a charter member of Merlin Lodge, for the very able manner in which he gave the charge. Century Lodge has the material to be one of the most capable and efficient lodges in the district, if the officers will only put the time on the work. They are revising their by-laws at this time, which is a very commendable act. R.W. Bro. Clements of Victory Lodge, Chatham, was present and gave a very inspiring address. Bro. Woodsley of Victory Lodge, Chatham, and Bro. Davidson of Lorne Lodge, also addressed the brethren.

An April 26th, I visited Pnyx Lodge No. 312, Wallaceburg. This lodge had the misfortune recently to be damaged by fire but has all been renovated and re-decorated since and presents a very attractive appearance. W. Bro. Brunt, the W.M., is very fortunate in having a large number of energetic past masters who assist very materially in keeping the work of the lodge up to its high state of efficiency. He and his officers assisted by W. Bro. Ross exemplified the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. The business proceedings of the evening were conducted in an especially good manner, more snap than usual being manifest. W. Bro. D. F. Johnston is the secretary; he knows his work and spares no efforts in making Pnyx Lodge one of the best in the District.

On April 28th, I paid my official visit to Star of the East Lodge, Bothwell. It was Past Masters' night and R.W. Bro. Vincent was in the W.M.'s chair. The work of the evening was the M.M. degree, which was done in a most impressive manner. Star of the East has a very fine lodge room, one of the best in the district, being very completely equipped for doing

the work well. Bro. Bayton is the secretary and sees that the dues are well paid up. Star of the East Lodge manifests a splendid spirit and is getting a lot of new members.

On April 29th, I visited Hammond Lodge No. 327, Wardsville. There was a good attendance despite inclement weather and very bad roads. The officers of this lodge exemplified the third degree in a very creditable manner. The brethren here are to be congratulated on the improvement in their work in the past few years. It is one of the smaller lodges, but what they lack in members they make up for in enthusiasm. They have introduced the full musical ceremony into their ritualistic work which adds interest especially to the men on the sides. Bro. J. Miller is the W.M. He took the work of the degree from the beginning right up to the end of the charge. This makes a heavy night for the W.M. and we strongly recommend dividing this work among as many Past Masters as possible. Hammond Lodge is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year and are arranging a program in keeping with the occasion. Bro. Winters is the energetic secretary. His books are models of neatness and to his efforts much of the success of this lodge is due.

An April 30th, I visited Victory Lodge No. 563, Chatham. This is the youngest lodge in the district and is doing exceptionally well.

Victory Lodge is setting a splendid example in its fraternal relations with the sister lodges, having visited practically all the other lodges in the district during the year. W. Bro. Sucee is the W.M. and assisted by R.W. Bros. Clements, R.W. Bro. Perkins, W. Bro. N. Smith, W. Bro. D. Keats, V.W. Bro. Ferguson, W. Bro. Challoner exemplified the M.M. degree in a very impressive manner. I was very much impressed with the very able manner in which the junior officers of this lodge did their work.

On May 5th, I had the pleasure of visiting Wel-

lington Lodge No. 46, Chatham. This is the oldest lodge in Chatham District and has always done good work, this year is no exception. W. Bro. Sisman is the W.M. and assisted by V.W. Bro. McCallum, W. Bro. Jewiss, W. Bro. Stevenson and his other officers exemplified the second or Fellow Craft degree in a very impressive manner. The Chatham brethren are very fortunate in having a large banquet hall commodious and well equipped club rooms.

On May 26th, I visited Sydenham Lodge No. 255 Dresden. This lodge has the reputation of doing their work exceptionally well, which was well maintained by W. Bro. Frances and his officers. They conferred the E. A. degree and were ably supported by several of their past masters. Short addresses were given by a number of visiting Brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. MUMFORD, D.D.G.M.,
Chatham District.

EASTERN DISTRICT

The the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of Eastern District for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1926.

I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and also for the unvarying kindness and courtesy extended to me when visiting the several lodges throughout the district.

My first official act was to appoint R.W. Bro. (Ven. Archdeacon) Carson of Morrisburg as District Chaplain, whose services as such have been much appreciated, and W. Bro. Walker of Cardinal, as District Secretary, who discharged his duties most efficiently.

One of the pleasing events of my office was the reception that was given me by my mother lodge. It was an honor that I did not expect and therefore the more gratifying. It was held on September 11, when I was presented with a beautiful club bag, which gift I prize very much. A very pleasant evening was spent at the banquet table where a large representation of the Cardinal brethren as well as visiting brethren had assembled.

I have visited all the lodges in the district and find a spirit of harmony and good will prevailing. Where it was necessary I have given criticism in the most kindly spirit and I am satisfied it has been received in the same manner.

The secretaries in the several lodges are all very efficient in their work and are deserving of the highest

commendation for the manner in which the records and books of the lodges are kept.

The loyal support given me by the brethren of my mother lodge has been much appreciated and my sincere thanks are due them for accompanying me on so many of my official visits and for being always ready to cheerfully give me any assistance in their power. I desire especially to thank W. Bro. Schlichter and Bro. Browning for their efforts in adding to the enjoyment of the social hour at many of the lodges.

Visits

My first official visit as D.D.G.M. was made to Alexandria Lodge No. 439, on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Schlichter. W. Bro. McCrimmon and a capable staff of officers conferred the first degree in a very impressive manner. R.W. Bro. Bradley, a member of this lodge and a pillar of strength to Masonry in this district, was, through illness, I am sorry to state, unable to be present at this meeting. The brethren of Alexandria are to be congratulated upon possessing such a fine lodge property.

Lancaster Lodge No. 207 was visited on Tuesday Nov. 24th, accompanied by Bro. Fraser, a former member of Lancaster Lodge. R.W. Bro. Bradley of Alexandria was present and added much to the pleasure and profit of the evening. W. Bro. McKinnon, assisted by W. Bro. McRae and efficient officers, conferred the Master Mason degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge recently sustained a great loss in the death of R.W. Bro. Nicholson, who was a true Mason in every sense of the word.

Hawkesbury Lodge No. 450 was visited on Thursday, Nov. 26th, accompanied by W. Bro. C. F. Williams and Bro. G. McIlveen of Cardinal Lodge. The second degree was conferred in a most pleasing manner leaving little room for remarks or suggestions of a critical nature. W. Bro. Johns and a staff of officers which would be a credit to any lodge, are to be

commended for their efficiency in the general management of the lodge. Under the paternal care of R.W. Bro. Kirby, R.W. Bro. Garretsee and several interested past masters, this lodge is certain to maintain a high standard in Masonry.

On Dec. 30th, installation of officers took place in Cardinal Lodge, and I had the honor of acting as installing officer on this occasion. W. Bro. Rourke of Fort William and W. Bro. Bouck of Iroquois, were present and did their part in making the evening a profitable one for all present.

My first visit in the year 1926 was paid to Excelsior Lodge No. 142 (Morrisburg) in company with W. Bro. Walker (District Secretary), W. Bro. Schlichter and Bro. Bush of Cardinal, on Friday, March 5th. The Fellowcraft degree was exemplified in a very capable manner by W. Bro. D. T. Henderson, assisted by W. Bro. Fetterly and a staff of officers who gave ample proof of their proficiency. I had the privilege of investing R.W. Bro. Gorrell as treasurer at this meeting. R.W. Bro. Davy is a very active member of this lodge. This lodge is in a splendid condition and making good progress.

Friendly Brothers No. 143 (Iroquois) was visited on Wednesday, March 24th, accompanied by a large delegation of Cardinal brethren. The brethren of this lodge proved themselves worthy of the name "Friendly Brothers" in the true Masonic hospitality they extended the visitors at this gathering. The second degree was conferred in an impressive manner by W. Bro. Merkley and his capable officers. A pleasing incident of the evening was a presentation to the lodge by R.W. Bro. Harkness of a beautiful chair which was the product of his own handiwork. This gift was much appreciated by the brethren. V.W. Bro. Fink was present wearing the long service medal which had been presented to him at the last Communication of Grand Lodge—still youthful in spirit. We trust he may be spared to render many years of useful service such as he has ever given to the craft.

Cornwall Lodge No. 125 was visited in company with several Cardinal brethren and Bro. Logue of Dannville, Ill., on Wednesday, April 7th. The Fellowshipcraft degree was conferred in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Reid and his officers. The duties of every officer were discharged very efficiently and the deacons are deserving of special mention for the excellent manner in which they exemplified the floor work. Two veteran members of this lodge were present, viz: R.W. Bro. Ridley and W. Bro. H. Williams, both of whom had recently attained a half century in Masonry and still continue to render to the craft that labor of love, for which they were ever noted.

I paid an official visit to Farrans Point Lodge No. 256 (Aultsville), on Wednesday, April 21st, accompanied by some twenty-six brethren from Cardinal. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Anderson and officers present in such a manner as to merit commendation. This lodge is very fortunate in having two P.D.D.G.M.'s in connection with it, viz: R.W. Bro. Hanes and R.W. Bro. F. Shaver, each of whom is a tower of strength for Masonry in this centre.

Wales Lodge No. 458 was visited on Monday, April 26th, in company with R.W. Bro. Carson of Morrisburg (Dist. Chap.) and some of the Cardinal brethren. R.W. Bro. Hanes and R.W. Bro. Shaver were present, also several brethren of other lodges. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a very able and impressive manner by W. Bro. Daye, assisted by W. Bro. Feader and officers who were quite proficient in degree work. A visitor to this lodge must feel the harmony and good fellowship which prevails, and as one of the brethren who visited with me remarked "this is one of the most friendly lodges we have visited, as each member seems to make it his business to look after the visitors." Judging from the number of petitions read, this lodge must make a very favorable impression in this community when so many seek the light of Masonic knowledge.

Avonmore Lodge was visited on Tuesday, April 27th. As there was not any degree work to be conferred I requested that a portion of the Fellowcraft degree be exemplified. I found that the officers were not familiar with the degree work nor skillful in the opening and closing ceremonies. I recommended that degree practices be held that they might become more proficient in the working of the degrees and the opening and closing ceremonies. W. Bro. Rose, the W.M. of this lodge, is a very enthusiastic Mason, and if the brethren of this lodge will follow his leadership and cooperate with him, I am confident that they can do more efficient work. There is plenty of good material to be developed, all that is required is to display more interest in the degree work.

A good representation of the brethren from surrounding lodges as well as a fine delegation from Friendly Brothers and Cardinal Lodges assembled on the occasion of my official visit to Williamsburg Lodge No. 480, on Wednesday, May 5th. This was an emergent meeting of this lodge which the brethren had kindly called to suit my convenience. R.W. Bro. Sweet and R.W. Bro. Whittaker were present and added much to the pleasure of the evening. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. There is a very enthusiastic lodge of Masons in this centre and W. Bro. Merkley and officers are to be congratulated for their efficiency.

I visited Maxville Lodge No. 418 on Friday, May 14th. A large representation of the brethren was present and in viewing the register I noticed that the average attendance at the meetings is good which speaks well for the interest in Masonry in this village. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Grant assisted by W. Bro. Munro and capable officers in a creditable manner. I was pleased to meet R.W. Bro. Munroe, my predecessor in office of D.D.G.M. to whom I owe a great deal for advice and assistance given me during my term of office. I trust that the zeal for Masonry displayed in this lodge will long continue.

Henderson Lodge No. 383 (Winchester) was visited on Friday, May 21st, where a very fine gathering of brethren from neighboring lodges as well as a delegation from Cardinal lodge assembled. R.W. Bro. Carson, R.D. Bro. Sweet and W. Bro. Nesbitt of Ottawa, were present and helped to make the evening a very profitable one. The first degree was conferred upon two candidates in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Fetterly, assisted by some very capable past masters and a staff of officers of a very high calibre. The proficiency and enthusiasm of the brethren of this lodge assure a very bright future for Masonry in this centre.

Accompanied by W. Bro. Schlichter and Bro. Bush of Cardinal, I visited Plantagenet Lodge No. 186 (Riceville) on Monday, May 24th. Four P.D.D. G.M.'s were present, viz: R.W. Bro.'s Bradley, McRae, Munroe and Shepherd, as well as several brethren from surrounding lodges. I was agreeably surprised to find such a fine lodge property in this rural centre and further to find that it was entirely free of debt. The brethren of this lodge are to be commended for the energy exerted and the interest displayed in Masonry. There was not any degree work to be conferred but W. Bro. Peresian and officers opened and closed in the several degrees, and in each degree the different officers gave proof of their proficiency in the working and a knowledge of the meaning of it and teaching to be conveyed thereby. It is a practice worthy of recommendation for other lodges to adopt on a night they would not have degrees to confer. This lodge has among its membership one who is recognized as the best versed Mason in this district, viz: R.W. Bro. Shepherd. Not only has Plantagenet Lodge reason to be proud of having such a member but Eastern District prize his valuable services and advice which he is ever ready to give for the benefit of the Craft.

On Tuesday, May 25th, I visited St. John's Lodge No. 21 at Vankleek Hill. R.W. Bro.'s. Shepherd and McRae were present, also R.W. Bro. Black-

well, P.D.D.G.M., of Grey District. A number of the brethren of Hawkesbury Lodge as well as a fine representation of St. John's Lodge assembled on this occasion. On entering this lodge you are particularly impressed by the many articles of interest and historic value which it contains. The third degree was conferred in a manner which left little to criticize. W. Bro. MacIntosh and officers discharged their duties very efficiently and are to be congratulated upon the order and decorum with which the meeting was conducted. R.W. Bro. McRae, a true and energetic Mason, renders very valuable services to this lodge. This lodge has reason to be proud of the very fine body of men composing its membership, also of the great history which is theirs. R.W. Bro. Blackwell's address concerning his experiences in the Yukon district was very much appreciated by all present.

In company with several Cardinal brethren I visited Finch Lodge No. 557 on Thursday, May 27th. R.W. Bro. Bradley and R.W. Bro. McNaughton were present and helped in making the evening a profitable one. The second degree was exemplified in a very fair manner by W. Bro. Hutt and officers. This lodge is deserving of great praise for the efforts put forth in advancing the cause of Masonry in this centre. Although a young lodge it could teach a lesson of zeal and enthusiasm for Masonry to some of the older ones. Arrangements were being made at this meeting to have the Ottawa Masonic Temple Choir come to Finch. I had the privilege of attending this concert which was a great success, and the brethren of this lodge are to be congratulated for their enterprise in this undertaking.

My mother lodge Cardinal No. 491 was visited on Friday, June 4th. More than 200 brethren assembled from different portions of Eastern District and adjoining districts of Ottawa and St. Lawrence, as well as some brethren from a distance. The following R. W. Brethren were present: R.W. Bro. Wormington, P.D.D.G. of Ontario District (a former

member and P.M. of Cardinal Lodge, who rendered signal service to this lodge in its early days), R.W. Bro. Flemming, P.D.D.G.M., of St. Lawrence District, and R.W. Bro's. Carson, Bradley, Shaver, Sweet and McNaughton, P.D.D.G.M.'s of Eastern District. The first degree was conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Buswell, assisted by W. Bro's. McLatchie and Walker and a capable staff of officers. Each officer performed his work with dignity and expression, demonstrating a high standard of work. The solemnity and impressiveness of the ceremony was added to greatly by the rendering of the musical ritual, in a manner beyond criticism, by a quartette from the Ottawa Masonic Temple Choir, which W. Bro. C. F. Williams had kindly persuaded to come to Cardinal for this evening. Long will the memories of this evening linger in the minds of the brethren as being one of the best ever held in this lodge.

Accompanied by W. Bros. McFarlane, Farlinger, Sugden, Reid and other brethren from Cornwall, I visited Martintown Lodge No. 596 on Thursday, June 10th. W. Bro. Derbyshire of St. Lawrence District was present. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a very accurate and impressive manner by W. Bro. Sproule, assisted by W. Bro. Butzer and a staff of officers who had the work well in hand. This, the youngest lodge in Eastern District, is to be congratulated for the excellent degree work, the dispatch with which the business is conducted and the general order and decorum of the lodge. The calibre of the membership in this lodge is such that it is certain to make steady progress.

My last official visit was made to Chesterville Lodge on Monday, June 21st. Several of the brethren from Cardinal accompanied me and a good representation was present from the surrounding lodges. The second degree was conferred in a faultless manner by W. Bro. McMillan, assisted by W. Bro. Hutt and officers well skilled in every detail of the work. The lodge room is one of the finest in the

district, being commodious and very well equipped. The membership of this lodge is composed of men of ability who will uphold the standard of Masonry.

On Sunday, June 20th, a district Church Service was held in St. James Anglican Church, Morrisburg. A large gathering of the brethren convened at Excelsior Lodge room and paraded to the Church where Ven. Archdeacon Carson, P.D.D.G.M. and District Chaplain this year, officiated at the service and delivered a very instructive and inspiring address which was very much appreciated by all present.

I have not made special mention of the many pleasant hours spent at refreshment, but at each of the lodges I have been entertained with true Masonic hospitality, while the addresses and entertainment have been of a very high order, quite in keeping with the dignity of Masonry.

In conclusion, I again desire to thank the brethren of the district for their support and cooperation and I bespeak for my successor the same brotherly consideration and loyal support which has made my work throughout the year one of pleasure and of profit.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER T. KINGSTON, D.D.G.M.

Eastern District

FRONTENAC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

Permit me to express my appreciation to the officers of the different Lodges comprising the Frontenac District for the high honor conferred and the confidence placed in me by electing me to the position of D.D.G.M. for the term now drawing to a close.

To me the past year has been one of pleasure, inspiration and education. Of pleasure because every Lodge extended a most cordial welcome and many warm friendships were formed, which I hope to renew and develop as future occasions permit, of inspiration through the discovery of the excellent manner in which the majority of Lodges demonstrated their knowledge of the work, and of education because I am inclined to think I have received more information through my visits than I have been able to impart to the Lodges visited.

On a few occasions I offered criticism and made suggestions, and trust that the criticisms were received in the friendly manner in which they were intended to be conveyed and for the good of those particular Lodges.

Peace, harmony and the right fraternal spirit prevails in all Lodges throughout the District with the exception of two where, I regret to say, there could be an improvement. At those places I have spoken along lines intended to improve conditions as I saw them, and if at any future time I can do anything for the improvement of those conditions I shall be glad to do so.

The hearty support of Past D.D.G.M.'s, as well as the various other officers throughout the District has been with me, and to them, I am deeply indebted for their many acts of kindness.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. F. B. Bolton, the genial and efficient Secretary of Simpson Lodge as my District Secretary and Bro. (Rev.) Herrington as District Chaplain. In Wor. Bro. Bolton I have had a very able assistant, he having accompanied me on a number of occasions and rendered valuable assistance. He is always ready to uphold our Ancient Landmarks and do anything for the good of the fraternity.

Wor. Bro. A. L. Campbell, a member of St. Lawrence District, also accompanied me on a number of visits and gave me good assistance, and to him I also wish to express my gratitude.

One of the most pleasant duties performed by me during my term of office was the presentation of the Long Service Medal to R.W. Bro. R. H. Preston, M.D., of Simpson Lodge No. 157 (my mother Lodge). Fifty-eight years have passed and gone since R.W. Bro. Preston first occupied the position of Wor. Master of this Lodge, but Father Time has dealt kindly with him and permitted him to still attend our regular meetings. He has filled the Master's chair with dignity for fourteen different terms and his advice and wise counsel has been our guiding star on many occasions. May he long be spared to wear his well-earned medal is the earnest wish of his Brethren.

On Oct. 30th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Bolton, Wor. Bro. Campbell and Bro. Guthrie, I visited Albion Lodge No. 109, Harrowsmith.

The Brethren here own a fine hall, do their work splendidly, and, while every officer knows his job, particular mention should be made of the efficiency of Bro. C. A. Copp, Secretary, for the good financial condition of the Lodge.

A large crowd was present, many visitors having come from neighboring Lodges to enjoy the well-known hospitality of the Harrowsmith Brethren.

The members of Albion Lodge do not confine their principles and teachings to the Lodge room alone, but exemplify them in acts of kindness outside the Lodge, as I can testify from a beautiful bunch of flowers sent by Albion Lodge to a certain patient in a Kingston hospital.

To my mind those little expressions of thoughtfulness are the things that count and help to smoothen out the rough spots which the majority of us must at some time stumble on.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 228, Odessa.

On Nov. 2nd I visited this Lodge, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Campbell, Wor. Bro. H. S. Davison and Bro. G. W. Earl.

We were received most heartily and made to feel we were not among strangers.

In Wor. Bro. Blake Switzer and Bro. E. S. Parrott I found very efficient officers, Worshipful Master and Secretary respectively, and the same could be said of all officers of the Lodge. The opening and closing in the different Degrees was exceptionally well done. Westport Lodge No. 441, Westport.

I visited this Lodge on Nov. 6th, was escorted in and introduced by Very Wor. Bro. Gorrell and Wor. Bro. Ewart, whose combined ages lack only a few months of 170 years. Bro. Gorrell was the first candidate initiated in Simpson Lodge, 58 years ago, is still a fairly regular attendant and enjoys taking part in the work being done.

Wor. Bro. Briese extended a cordial welcome and exemplified the M.M. Degree in a faultless manner on a well-prepared candidate.

This Lodge has a well-posted set of officers from the fact that a number of Past Masters who take a deep interest in the work see that the present officers do their work, and do it well. Westport is to be congratulated on having Past Masters who do not lose all interest after completing their term of office, as too often happens. This Lodge is prosperous, is steadily growing and the business of the Lodge well looked after by Secretary J. D. Adams.

Nov. 23rd.—Visited Frontenac Lodge No. 621, Sharbot Lake. This is the youngest Lodge in the District, is making good progress and exercising discretion as to the quality of members admitted.

As a perfect stranger in Sharbot Lake, I was impressed with the genial and hearty reception tendered and can truly say, "They are jolly good fellows."

The First Degree was conferred on a candidate by Wor. Bro. M. R. Reid in a manner that would reflect credit on a much older Lodge, he being ably supported by his Secretary, Wardens and Junior Officers.

A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent by me with the members of Frontenac Lodge. St. Andrews Lodge No. 497, Arden.

On Nov. 24th, I visited this Lodge and received a hearty welcome from a fair-sized crowd of enthusiastic Masons.

The opening and closing were done by the officers in an able manner, the business affairs are well looked after and every member appears to take an interest in the proceedings. A number of the members were absent, taking advantage of the hunting season, but a sufficient number were present to convince me they are efficient in their work.

Visited Prince of Wales Lodge No. 146, Newburgh, on Nov. 25th, accompanied by Wor. Bro.

Switzer of Odessa and our late Very Wor. Bro. Smeaton of Kingston. The attendance was good and the manner in which the opening and closing was carried out reflected credit on the officers who have been well instructed by their predecessors. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Wor. Bro. Longmore, Wor. Bro. Aylesworth, Very Wor. Bro. Smeaton and many others present. As Secretary Wor. Bro. Sexsmith has the business of the Lodge in good order.

Victoria Lodge No. 299, Centreville.

Visited this Lodge on Nov. 26th, and again had the company of Very Wor. Bro. Smeaton and also Rt. Wor. Bro. P. H. Burke of Kingston, who brought along a couple of entertainers.

The Lodge was opened in the several Degrees by Wor. Bro. Doupe and his officers in a faultless manner. Victoria Lodge has a splendid Lodge room and the records are well looked after by their Secretary.

Some instructive points were brought out by a number of members during the meeting, at the close of which, by request of the Worshipful Master and on behalf of the Lodge, presented a Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Wilson, the immediate Past Master.

The conferring of a Past Master's Jewel is not done by every Lodge, and I am of the opinion it should be. This would at least show appreciation and is more prized by the recipient than would be had he procured it otherwise.

Queen's Lodge No. 578, Kingston.

On Nov. 30th I paid my visit to this Lodge and installed the new set of officers, with the kind assistance of R.W. Bros. Burke and Crozier. Many of the members of the other city Lodges were present and the magnificent temple was well filled. This Lodge has a large membership of young men who are very

enthusiastic in the work, and there motto is "Nothing short of perfection." I am sure the present officers of this Lodge are well qualified to guide affairs in a successful manner.

Minden Lodge No. 253, Kingston, was visited by me on March 9th, where I received the usual very cordial welcome. The officers conferred the First Degree in a manner showing conclusively that they knew their work. The musical ritual added much to the ceremony, and the whole must have left a deep impression on the candidate. The Lodge was also opened in the other degrees in correct form.

Very Wor. Bro. R. S. Graham fills the important position of Secretary and the affairs of the Lodge are in good shape. The officers take a deep interest in their work and the future looks bright for this Lodge.

Cataraqui Lodge No. 92, Kingston, was visited by me on March 12th. A very large crowd had assembled, not only members of this Lodge but many visitors being present.

A goodly number of applications were received and disposed of in the usual manner, after which the Second Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Haffner and his able set of officers in a manner leaving no room for criticism, the Masonic choir adding much to the ceremony.

This Lodge has wonderful support in its Past Masters and is in excellent shape from every viewpoint.

Lorne Lodge No. 404, Tamworth.

I visited this Lodge on March 16th and, there being no work on the notice, the Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Wor. Bro. Allen Carscallen and his officers in a manner that left no doubt in my mind as to their being capable of doing their work well.

Leeds Lodge No. 201, Gananoque.

Visited this Lodge on March 23rd, when I was accorded a most hearty reception from Wor. Bro. McLaughlin and a large gathering of Brethren.

The First Degree was exemplified in a creditable manner, assisted by their newly organized Masonic choir.

Leeds Lodge is particularly fortunate in possessing a beautiful hall, with recreation room and kitchen attached, and also fortunate in having a large number of Past Masters who not only attend regularly, but continue to take a deep interest in the working and welfare of their Lodge.

Rideau Lodge No. 460, Seeley's Bay.

Assisted by Wor. Bro. Simmons of Simpson Lodge, we installed and invested the officers of Rideau Lodge on Dec. 30th, and made my official visit on March 25th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. A. L. Campbell. Being personally acquainted with a large number of the Brethren, I really required no formal introduction. A goodly number of Past Masters were present and Wor. Bro. C. C. Gilbert occupied the chair. A number of addresses were given by the members and others, intended for the good and welfare of our institution.

Union Lodge No. 9, Napanee.

On March 26th I visited this Lodge, was met at the station by a delegation of Past Masters and later given a most hearty welcome in their beautiful temple. A very large crowd was present on this occasion, there being, in addition to the members of Union Lodge, many visitors. The Wor. Master, Bro. Robson, conferred the First Degree very impressively, being assisted by an able staff of officers and a splendid Masonic choir.

I cannot refrain from referring in particular to the manner in which the Junior Warden delivered

his lecture, which surely left a deep impression on the candidate. Schooled by Past Masters and P.D.D.G.M.'s, the officers of this Lodge have attained a high degree of perfection.

Royal Edward Lodge No. 585, Kingston.

Made my official visit to this Lodge on March 30th. This is the youngest Lodge in Kingston and the second youngest in the District, and is making good progress.

The Worshipful Master does his work well and has able support in his staff of officers. Bro. W. J. Saunders, as Secretary, has the business of the Lodge in excellent shape, and altogether Royal Edward is in a healthy condition.

Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3, Kingston.

My visit to this Lodge was paid on April 1st, and, needless to say, my reception was a warm and hearty one.

Wor. Bro. Davis and his officers conferred the First Degree in a manner leaving no room for criticism or even a suggestion as to improvement.

I scarcely know why, but it seemed to me there was some especial solemnity about the working of this Lodge that does not appear in the work of some other Lodges, although this may be imaginary on my part.

Some splendid addresses were given by the Kingston Brethren, all contributing to the good and welfare of the Order.

Simpson Lodge No. 157, Newboro.

On Dec. 29th, assisted by Wor. Bro. Simmons, we installed and invested the officers of this, my mother Lodge, and made my official visit on April 27th.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. C. P. Bass, has had no opportunity of conferring a Degree, but judging from his manner of opening and closing in the different Degrees he will be found quite capable.

I suggested more frequent interchange of visits with neighboring Lodges, and think this would prove beneficial to both the visitors and those visited.

The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Bolton, has the affairs of the Lodge in good shape, and as District Secretary has given me good assistance.

The membership of this Lodge has not been growing rapidly, and I regret to say there is a lack of real interest in some of our members.

On the other hand, we have some most enthusiastic members and the record of the work done is well up to the average.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119, Bath.

My official visit to this Lodge took place on May 24th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Bolton, Wor. Bro. Campbell and Bro. Guthrie, and we received a cordial welcome from a very large crowd of members and visiting Brethren, their nice Lodge room being filled to capacity. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Hoffman and Very Wor. Bro. Robinson, two worthy pillars of Maple Leaf Lodge.

After disposing of the regular business, Wor. Bro. Mellon conferred the first degree in an able manner, the other officers also filling their different positions with dignity. This Lodge is doing good work, own their own property, are out of debt and possess a nice bank account.

Several P.D.D.G.M.'s were present on this occasion, and altogether we had a pleasant and instructive meeting.

In conclusion, I again want to thank the officers and members of every Lodge comprising this District for the splendid support and co-operation given me at all times.

The past year will always be remembered by me as one of pleasure and of opportunity.

Old friendships have been renewed, new ones have been formed, and my sincere wish is that peace and harmony may continue to be with us.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. PINKERTON, D.D.G.M.

Frontenac District.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Georgian District for the Masonic year just closing.

I wish first to express my great appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the unanimous consent of the representatives of the District, and I have endeavored to carry out the duties of that high office to the best of my skill and ability.

I appointed W. Bro. C. W. Grandy as District Secretary and (Rev.) Bro. W. T. Johnston as District Chaplain.

On my official visits throughout the District, I have invariably been met with the greatest kindness and courtesy, and the opportunity thus afforded of meeting with so many new friends and good Brethren has been one of the greatest pleasures of my duties for the year. I am fully conscious of the responsibilities of this office, and during the year I have tried, in some small measure, to further the interests of Masonry in this District.

I have found the Ruling Masters and Officers competent in their work, the ceremonies of the Degrees given in a very earnest and impressive manner, and on the whole the condition of Masonry in the District is very satisfactory indeed. The social side of Masonry and the inter-visiting of lodges, is being carried out in an eminent degree. I have visited officially all the Lodges in the District at least once, and I have had the pleasure of visiting some of them on other occasions during the year.

"To sow that others may reap, to work and plant for those who are to occupy the earth when we are dead, to project our influences far into the future, and live beyond our time; to rule as the Kings of Thought over men who are yet unborn, to bless with the glorious gifts of truth and light and liberty those who will neither know the name of the giver, nor care in what grave his unregarded ashes repose, is the true office of a Mason and the proudest destiny of a man."

A meeting of all the Masters and Past Masters was called to meet in Barrie on Sept. 12th, when, at a large meeting held in the Masonic Hall, a Past Masters Association was formed and officers elected. This Association, we trust, will function in the future, and add to the interest and prosperity of Masonry in this District.

Dedication

By direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, a special communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Port McNicol, at 7.30 p.m. Dec. 10th, 1925.

Assisted by R.W. Bros. R. D. Keefe, M. S. Keller, W. J. Martin and a large number of Past Masters, the new Lodge rooms of Earl Kitchener Lodge No. 538 were dedicated according to ancient custom. This Lodge suffered the loss by fire of their Lodge rooms and contents, but now have commodious and well-appointed quarters. This is the youngest Lodge in the District, but is now in a flourishing condition, and under the able generalship of V. Wor. Bro. Dr. J. D. McPhee and a number of capable Past Masters, should give a good account of itself. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. D. Sutherland. The Brethren of Port McNicoll are famed for their hospitality, and I shall ever retain pleasant memories of my visit on that occasion.

Visits

Georgian Lodge No. 348, Penetanguishene. I made my first official visit on Nov. 5th, 1925, when, accompanied by a number of my Brethren, we motored to

Penetanguishene, where we were cordially welcomed by the Officers and Brethren of Georgian Lodge. This happens to be the mother Lodge of my immediate predecessor in office. R.W. Bros. W. J. Martin and M. S. Keller of Midland were also present. W. Bro. S. M. James and his staff of officers conferred the E.A. Degree in an almost faultless manner, and they were supported by a large and capable array of Past Masters. This Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and is well looked after by R.W. Bro. Keefe, who is also a very capable Secretary. I had the honor of presenting Past Master's Jewels to two worthy Past Masters.

Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie. On Dec. 7th, with several Brethren, I visited this Lodge, and we were received with great courtesy. The Masonic Brethren of Barrie are noted for their good-fellowship and hospitality, and our visit there was a very pleasant one. W. Bro. E. McFadden and his officers exemplified the ceremony of the E.A. Degree in a very creditable manner, and this was made much more impressive, as it was accompanied by the full musical ritual. Masonry in Barrie is in a very flourishing condition, and the most friendly relations exist between the two Lodges there.

Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown. On Nov. 27th, with some Brethren and their wives, we travelled to Cookstown, where the Lodge provided a Ladies' Night, and a very pleasant evening was spent. After an entertainment and banquet, this was followed by songs and speeches, some of a most humorous character, and the ladies voted it a splendid affair.

Tottenham Lodge No. 467, Tottenham. On Dec. 28th, 1925, at the request of the Master-elect, I motored to Tottenham, accompanied by a goodly number of my Brethren, and conducted the ceremony of installing the officers of the Lodge. W. Bro. McCabe has been a Past Master for many years, but the members honored him again by electing him W.M. for 1926.

Manito Lodge No. 90, Collingwood. On Jan 29th, 1926, Manito Lodge staged an At Home and Dance, which is an annual affair. A large number of ladies were present, an excellent programme was provided, and the speeches on this occasion were of a very high order.

Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie. I visited this Lodge officially on March 4th, 1926, and received a hearty welcome. This Lodge is also in a very prosperous condition, and has the benefit of the skill and wisdom of such Brethren as R.W. Bro. A. Cowan, R.W. Bro. Smith and R.W. Bro. Spratt. These are all very active in all the branches of Masonry, and with the long and splendid line of Past Masters, should have a wonderful influence on Masonry in Barrie. W. Bro. Shear and his officers conferred the E.A. Degree in an impressive manner on a candidate of high calibre. W. Bro. A. H. Felt is a very capable and painstaking Secretary. On Oct. 22nd, 1925, I had the pleasure of attending Past Masters' night, and very much enjoyed the work exemplified by the Past Masters on that occasion.

Manito Lodge No. 90, Collingwood. Accompanied by a large number of my Brethren from Alliston, I visited this Lodge officially on March 9th, 1926. There was a large attendance, and I received a kind welcome. The spirit of Masonry is strong in Collingwood and Manito is prosperous and flourishing. It has a long line of excellent Past Masters, the oldest Past Master being H. A. Currie, whose zeal for Masonry is still active. The E.A. Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Johnstone and his officers in a capable and accurate manner. The Lodge room is quite commodious and the Lodge is in a good financial condition. The books of the Lodge are being well looked after by the worthy Secretary, W. Bro. D. M. Hughes.

Victoria Lodge No. 470, Victoria Harbor. I received a very hearty welcome on my visit to this Lodge on March 24th, being formally introduced by R. Wor. Bro. E. B. Brown, who is forwarding the

interests of Masonry in Victoria Harbor in an excellent degree. The Brethren are particularly kind and courteous and the best of good feeling prevails. I was pleased at the work of the E.A. Degree as conferred by W. Bro. Stoddard and his officers. The genial and capable Secretary, J. P. Schissler, has the books in good condition.

Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland. My official visit to this Lodge was made on April 19th, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. This Lodge ranks high in the District and possesses a very fine Lodge room and appointments. A feeling of sadness among the Brethren was noticed, due to the loss, a few days before, of one of the most honored and distinguished of their members in the person of R. Wor. Bro. Raikes. This worthy Brother has passed away to the Grand Lodge above after a short illness, and the loss of his moral influence and genial comradeship will be felt in Midland for many years to come. It was a pleasure to meet again R.W. Bro. Keller, a zealous Mason, and one whose influence for good is felt among his Brethren. During the afternoon I was conducted by W. Bro. (Dr.) Thos. Johnston, to inspect the new hospital, and from a medical standpoint I found this institution to be in a splendid condition. There was a large attendance in the Lodge room, with many visitors from the surrounding Lodges, and the work of the M.M. Degree was very impressively and accurately given by W. Bro. Bald and his officers. I find the books kept in accurate and neat condition by the

worthy Secretary, Bro. R. R. Wilson.

Earl Kitchener Lodge No. 538, Port McNicoll. I arrived here on April 20th by the courtesy of the Port McNicoll Brethren, who sent a car to bring me from Midland. I was received with great kindness by W. Bro. E. R. McCallum, who invited me to a splendid luncheon on board the S.S. Keewatin, where I met several of the Past Masters. I was pleased to meet again my good friend V.W. Bro. Dr. "Jack" McPhee, and was given the hospitality of his home at dinner. The ceremony of the F.C. Degree was given in an

able manner by W. Bro. McCallum and his officers, and at the subsequent banquet the W.M. proved a host in himself. I shall always have a very friendly feeling toward my Brethren of Port McNicoll.

Karnak Lodge No. 492, Coldwater. We journeyed by train to this Lodge on April 22nd, and had a most hearty welcome from W. Bro. Robinson and his officers, who conferred the M.M. Degree in a very acceptable manner. The Lodge has a very competent Secretary in the person of W. Bro. H. Elliott, and his influence is a power for good in the community. I was particularly struck with the cordial relations existing among the Brethren, and the memories of my visit to Karnak Lodge will always be pleasant ones.

Spry Lodge No. 385, Beeton. On April 26th we visited this Lodge, accompanied by a goodly number of Brethren from Alliston and the adjacent Lodges. The W.M., Chaplain, Treasurer and one Past Master were all "Bells" so that the chimes rang out on that occasion. W. Bro. Milton Bell and his officers presented the work of the M.M. Degree in a very exact and impressive manner, and I congratulated the Lodge on the calibre of the candidate of the evening. Harmony prevails and the outlook of the Lodge is good, for which considerable credit is due to the Secretary, Bro. N. P. McDonald.

Beaver Lodge No. 234, Clarksburg. We travelled by train on April 27th, and received a hearty welcome from the Brethren of Clarksburg and Thornbury. This Lodge possesses good comfortable quarters, and the best of harmony prevails among the Brethren. The Secretary, W. Bro. Idle, certainly belies his name, as he is very active in Masonry in this locality. The E.A. Degree was presented by W. Bro. Boyd and his officers in a very accurate and pleasing manner, and the candidate gave promise of being a splendid addition to the ranks of Masonry. I was very pleased to meet again R.W. Bro. Pye, who has over half a century to his credit in Masonry, and who was D.D.G.M. in 1892.

Tottenham Lodge No. 467, Tottenham. On May 3rd I again visited Tottenham, this time in an official capacity, and it was a real pleasure to observe the accuracy and precision with which W. Bro. McCabe and his officers exemplified the work of the M.M. Degree. W. Bro. McCabe has been for many years a Past Master and has a reputation for his knowledge of Masonry and of the ritual. This Lodge is in good working order, and is well looked after by the capable and genial Secretary, W. Bro. J. J. McKnight.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 137, Meaford. On May 4th we motored to Meaford, a distance of over sixty miles, part of which was along the Blue Water Highway, and were royally welcomed by the Brethren there. This Lodge has splendid rooms and appointments, and the work of the M.M. Degree, as exemplified by W. Bro. Keiffer and his officers, left nothing to be desired. The Secretary, F. H. Finley, is very capable, and the fine array of Past Masters add great strength to the Masonic activities of this Lodge. Among others I might mention R.W. Bro. Wallace, R.W. Bro. J. D. Hammill, W. Bro. Bright and W. Bro. Hamley. Pythagoras Lodge should continue to prosper in the future as in the past.

Orillia Lodge No. 192, Orillia. After a drive of fifty miles, we arrived at Orillia. It is a delightful drive, and for a good part over the Provincial Highway. This is the largest Lodge in the District, and we were heartily met by W. Bro. Geo. Brown, who, with his officers, presented the ceremony of the E.A. Degree in a splendid manner. The Lodge is now in temporary quarters and rather cramped for room, but it is the intention to erect new and commodious quarters at an early date. R.W. Bro. Keefe gave an excellent address on a phase of Masonry. The Lodge opened at 4 p.m., which allowed the Brethren from a distance to get away at an early hour. This Lodge is in a very flourishing condition under the guidance of R.W. Bro. Tudhope, W. Bro. Miller and a long array of excellent Past Masters.

Northern Lodge No. 266, Stayner. This was an emergent meeting, called for my convenience, and was held on May 13th. There was a very large attendance, with many visitors from the adjacent Lodges. The work of the E.A. Degree was given in a very agreeable manner by W. Bro. Tebbey and his officers. I was supported by several P.D.D.G.Ms, including R.W. Bros. Keefe, Martin, Bethune and Campbell. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and I must report this Lodge is in a prosperous condition, which is greatly helped by the assistance of the genial and painstaking Secretary, W. Bro. D. G. Bell.

Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown. I have had the pleasure on several occasions of visiting with these Brethren, but on May 14th, accompanied by many of my Alliston Brethren, I made my official visit. This Lodge has a long line of active and splendid Past Masters, and the best of good-fellowship and harmony prevails. R. Wor. Bro. Thos. McKnight is an excellent Secretary, and his genial temperament and guiding influence have much to do with the good showing of the Lodge. The officers headed by W. Bro. L. A. Arnold are very competent and conferred the M.M. Degree in a very acceptable manner. The future of Manitoba Lodge is promising.

Nitetic Lodge No. 444, Creemore. We motored to this beautiful little village on May 20th, and were officially introduced by R.W. Bro. Mills and V. Wor. Bro. J. R. Lawrence. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the work performed by W. Bro. Brett and his officers was much appreciated. This Lodge is fortunate in having a very capable and genial Secretary in the person of (Rev) Bro. Colclough, and the prospect for the future of the Lodge is bright.

Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud. This Lodge is famed for its hospitality, and on our visit to this place on May 25th, there was no exception. A large gathering of Brethren from the surrounding District were present and enjoyed the rendering of the E.A. Degree by W. Bro. Roy Allen and his officers. One is grati-

fied to see the enthusiasm exhibited by these young officers, and the friendly relations existing between this Lodge and its neighbors. The Past Masters are enthusiastic, and during the evening we had the pleasure of listening to an interesting address by W. Bro. Green, who with a good line of Past Masters, are keeping up the good work in Minerva Lodge. The Secretary, Bro. J. W. Latimer, is very capable, and as they are now in commodious quarters of their own the Lodge should prosper. The E.A. Degree was conferred in a very acceptable manner.

Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale. W. Bro. Bishop and his young staff of officers exemplified the ceremony of the E.A. Degree in a particularly efficient manner, and I was pleased to congratulate them highly upon their work. There is a very splendid feeling among the Brethren in this Lodge, and this is no doubt promoted to a great extent by the efficient and courteous Secretary, W. Bro. J. T. Foster. There was a large attendance of Brethren and visitors, and we left Elmvale with the impression that we had spent a pleasant and enjoyable evening. The date of this meeting was May 28th.

Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston. My last official visit was to my home Lodge at Alliston on Friday, June 4th. I had requested that the chairs be filled on this occasion by the ruling Masters of the Lodges of the District, which was done in nearly every instance. There was a large and representative delegation from all over the District, and the Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. (Dr.) James, the ruling Master of Georgian Lodge. Penetanguishene, and he was ably supported by his officers for the day. The ceremony of the E.A. Degree was very ably and impressively rendered, and was much appreciated by all. Addresses were given by R.W. Bros. Keefe, Duff, Martin, Thos. McKnight and R.W. Bro. Sam Patterson, P.D.D.G.M. of Grey District. W. Bro. J. C. Miller and a number of Past Masters also spoke, and the musical numbers were well rendered. A feature of the evening was the presentation

of Past Master's Jewels to W. Bros. H. Norris, W. I. Clarkland, Geo. McCluskey, by R.W. Bros. Keefe and Duff. Seven Star Lodge is flourishing and in good financial condition, and the books are being well looked after by W. Bro. Caesar, who, as Secretary, is second to none in the District.

And now, as the time approaches when I shall pass on the reins of office to my successor, I wish heartily to thank all those Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters and Brethren who have assisted in every way to make my visits as pleasant and profitable as possible. I have been shown many courtesies and kindnesses, have met many acquaintances and made many friends, and I trust the memory of these will last as long as life itself. If I have in any small measure advanced the cause of Masonry in the District, I shall be satisfied.

"We shall reap such joys in the by and by,
 But what have we sown to-day?
 We shall build us mansions in the sky,
 But what have we built to-day?
 'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,
 But here and now do we do our task?
 Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,
 'What have we done to-day?'"

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. CUNNINGHAM, D.D.G.M.,
 Georgian District.

GREY DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Grey District for the year 1925-1926.

Permit me at the outset to express to the Brethren of the District my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me in electing me to the important office as representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master in this District. The call to such a distinguished office has brought to me not only privilege and opportunity, but responsibility as well. I have endeavored throughout the year to serve the best interests of Masonry and to present to the Brethren of the respective constituent Lodges some aspects of the great trust that is ours in those truly Masonic ideals that are our heritage from the past.

Immediately following my election in Hamilton in July last, I appointed Wor. Bro. John M. Campbell, District Secretary. For twenty-eight years W. Bro. Campbell has served St. George's Lodge No. 88 as its Secretary, with singular fidelity and efficiency. The diligence and willingness with which he has discharged the various duties of this responsible office during the year have abundantly justified his appointment. Rev. F. N. Bowes of Hiram Lodge, Markdale, was appointed District Chaplain.

During the year all the Lodges in the District were visited officially—five during the Autumn of 1925 and the remaining seven in the month of January, 1926. In all these visits, in correspondence and in all my official relationship with the District, I have received the utmost courtesy, loyalty and hospitality,

and now desire to express my sincere gratitude for all the touches of true Masonic brotherhood that have made the year's tenure of office a real pleasure.

The several Lodges of the District are doing good work, in most cases excellent work,—and for the most part honestly trying to maintain a high standard of Masonic work and spirit which we all appreciate. The interest and enthusiasm with which the Ruling Masters and Officers enter into the spirit of our ceremonial, the dignity and the sincerity with which, for the most part, the various charges are delivered and lectures in the different degrees are interpreted, give added assurance of the continued and increasing prosperity that characterizes most of the Lodges in the District. In only one Lodge throughout the whole District did I find any semblance of levity in the business of the Lodge or in the Degree work, and this was due partly to the popularity of the candidate and very largely to the thoughtlessness of some who could not resist temptation. Any evidence of insincerity or lack of earnestness on the part of officers and members of a Lodge creates a very damaging impression on the candidate, and is far from the spirit and intent of the craft. In another Lodge I found evidences of fractional spirit, which if not checked will have disastrous results. It is not in the best interests of any Lodge when one member or even a few members presume to dictate the whole policy and to perform all the varied functions of the Lodge. It is greatly to be regretted that in some of our Lodges matters enter in that have no place in Masonry. Craftsmen should exercise the greatest care in excluding from the precincts of the Lodge room all personal animosities. Differences of opinion in business affairs, misunderstandings in community relationships, church problems or in any great question, no matter how worthy, should not be introduced into the Lodge for discussion or even statement. Our Masonic home is a place where we meet as Brethren for Masonic purposes. It is a perilous procedure to introduce any matters that may sow the seeds of discord or prostitute the sacred time of the Lodge to ignoble purposes or alien interests.

Lodge of Instruction

A very successful and profitable Lodge of Instruction was held in Owen Sound, January 12th. The three Degrees were conferred upon candidates in a highly creditable manner by Prince Arthur, Flesher-ton; St. Alban's, Mount Forest, and Harris, Orangeville. At the conclusion of each Degree some time was spent in reviewing the work and suggesting improvement. I am greatly indebted to R.W. Bros. John McQuaker, Samuel Patterson and D. P. MacFarlane, who assisted in this valuable piece of instruction, the latter being one of our distinguished guests as D.D.G.M. of Bruce District. About 150 were present during the afternoon, representing nearly every Lodge in the district. We were greatly delighted during the afternoon's proceedings, in welcoming the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, who was accompanied by V. Wor. Bro. James H. Spence, Grand Junior Deacon. On the evening of the same day, in the banquet room of Knox Church, more than 300 Brethren and their ladies enjoyed "the feast of reason and the flow of soul" in a delightful programme arranged by the Brethren of the Owen Sound Lodges. The Grand Master gave a stimulating address, which was heartily received, and other distinguished members of the craft participated in the programme of a memorable evening for Grey District. The Brethren of Owen Sound are to be congratulated on the perfection of the plans for this valuable Lodge of Instruction and on the unqualified success of the banquet.

Official Visits

St. Alban's No. 200, Mount Forest.

This, my first official visit, was made on Friday, October 2nd. The equipment, furniture and work of this Lodge appears to be highly satisfactory. The Lodge is well officered, and the members manifest a deep interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the Lodge. A fine group of Past Masters, among whom are men of proven worth, help to keep this

Lodge at the top-notch of efficiency. Three members were present over eighty years of age. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified by a number of Past Masters in splendid fashion. The Master opened and closed his Lodge in the several Degrees in a perfect manner.

Durham No. 306, Durham.

I visited this Lodge on Tuesday, October 13th. The Brethren here are in the unique position of being proprietors of their quarters and are making progress towards having a property, not only free from debt, but revenue producing. There was a very large attendance of visitors as well as members. The First Degree was conferred in fine form on a fine type of candidate. The work of the Master and officers was very good, the co-operation and attention of the members excellent, and the impression made upon me by the whole surroundings, books and work of this Lodge was fine. Punctuality in opening the Lodge would put this fine Lodge in a small town in an enviable state of efficiency and real Masonic worth.

Dundalk No. 449, Dundalk.

Monday, October 26th, was inspection night at Dundalk. There was a good attendance, in spite of a very bad storm. The financial condition of this Lodge shows marked improvement and the Secretary is making an honest effort to collect all arrears. May his tribe increase! This Lodge is working in fine, new and commodious surroundings, and should be a potency for great good in this strategic centre. Some matters in connection with the keeping of proper minutes and their confirmation by the Lodge and Master's signature, auditor's report, benevolences, etc., were discussed with the officers concerned and suggestions given for improvement in the conduct of Lodge affairs. A very good Second Degree was conferred.

Lorne No. 377, Shelburne.

This Lodge tendered the D.D.G.M. a very fine reception on Friday, November 6th. The register, on

examination, showed this Lodge to be composed of loyal members. The Lodge quarters are too small. This I may say is true of nearly all of the Lodge rooms, especially the ante-rooms, in this District. All the books, equipment, furniture, etc., are in excellent condition. The First Degree was conferred in a very acceptable manner, with musical ritual, but the impression on the candidate, and on serious-minded Masons present, was greatly discounted by the order in the Lodge. I am very glad to be assured that this is not the usual thing in Lorne Lodge. No Lodge in the District has a better staff of officers, and a more splendid membership in the main. They are fortunate in having R.W. Bros. J. H. White and Samuel Patterson among them, and it is earnestly hoped that the harmony of this Lodge may be preserved.

Wellington No. 271, Erin.

My official visit to this Lodge was made on Thursday, November 26th. The books of the Lodge, equipment, etc., were found in excellent order. Here, too, the accommodation is very cramped, but the Lodge is prosperous, and in capable hands. The Second Degree was conferred on a dummy candidate. The order in the Lodge was excellent, revealing a deep earnestness in the work of the evening. Such an atmosphere is essential to good Masonic work. Worshipful Bro. Charles Overland, 81 years of age, and a Past Master of more than 40 years' standing, was present to welcome me. Wor. Bro. Overland has greeted 49 D.D.G.M.'s consecutively on their official visit to the Lodge.

Prince Arthur No. 333, Flesherton.

Visited on Friday, November 27th. The Second Degree was conferred in a manner that reflected credit on the participants. A goodly number of skilled Past Masters are retaining their interest in the Lodge. The candidate passed a most creditable examination in the work of the First Degree, showing careful instruction in the teachings of the Degree. The reception of the D.D.G.M. to this Lodge should be earlier in the evening so as to permit him to review the

transaction of the business of the Lodge and form some estimate of Lodge proceeding. A number of Brethren from other Lodges braved the elements to be present.

Hiram No. 490, Markdale.

This Lodge was visited on Friday, January 22nd, the Brethren very kindly arranging an emergent meeting for my convenience, the only emergent meeting at which my official visit was made. The night was very stormy and the attendance was small. This Lodge is the youngest in the District, as well as the smallest in membership. A good piece of work was done in exemplifying the Second Degree on a "dummy" candidate. The Master of the Lodge put on the whole work of the degree, including the charge, unassisted by Past Masters. Order in the Lodge was excellent, and a fairly good impression was made by the night's work.

Scott No. 421, Grand Valley.

Another of the smaller Lodges was visited on Monday, January 25th. There was a small attendance. A very satisfactory exemplification of the work of the First Degree was given with the very fine co-operation of the whole Lodge. Here I discover extraordinary loyalty on the part of many of the Past Masters. The Lodge has had its dark days of perplexity and discouragement, but is now forging ahead, we hope, to better things. It was a great joy to see this group in action, and to meet them personally.

Prince Arthur No. 334, Arthur.

A cordial reception was tendered me by this Lodge on Tuesday, January 26th. The Lodge room is commodious, clean, nicely decorated, well cared for, and fully equipped for the finest kind of Masonic work. A very capable staff of officers, among whom are some enthusiastic young men, direct the affairs of this Lodge, and, in the main, have the hearty co-operation of all the membership. The Past Masters are still interested and will not forsake their responsibilities.

The presence of a misguided and resolute visitor on the night of my official visit unfortunately caused some embarrassment and delay and marred to a great extent the pleasure and the profit of an otherwise splendid night. The Second Degree was conferred on a good type of candidate. Under all the regrettable circumstances that obtained on this occasion, the impression of the Degree was good. Prince Arthur will do well to guard carefully against the intrusion of everything that is not strictly Masonic.

St. George's No. 88, Owen Sound.

North Star No. 322, Owen Sound.

These Lodges in the city of Owen Sound, according to custom now in vogue for many years, were visited in joint session Wednesday, January 27th. There was an unusually large attendance, in spite of other attractions, and the accommodation proved altogether inadequate for the comfort of all the Brethren present. I deeply appreciate this hearty reception accorded me on this occasion, and for many personal reasons, among others, cannot soon be forgotten by me.

St. George's Lodge was in regular session and, after the business was completed, the First Degree was conferred on a bright, receptive candidate. Following the completion of this degree, the officers of North Star Lodge conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on an equally promising candidate. Both Lodges have an increasingly large membership of carefully selected Masonic material, and are guided by young, capable officers, enthusiastic and devoted to the cause of Freemasonry. Some of the Past Masters are examples in loyalty and helpfulness, and willingly respond with the wisdom of many years' experience. The work of both Lodges is of a high standard in accuracy, and there is no evidence of neglect or half-heartedness in the preparation for the very best results. The books of the Secretaries and Treasurers, register, warrants and other Lodge paraphernalia were found to be in

excellent order, and carefully kept. Both Lodges are efficient and flourishing.

At the banquet following, a parting token of esteem and attachment was presented by the officers and members of St. George's Lodge, with whom I have had the honor and privilege of associating for the past eight years. A handsome gift of silver for my good wife, and a valuable travelling bag for myself are the mute but eloquent evidences of good will and continued interest that go with me to my new surroundings in Vancouver, B.C., from the Brethren of my mother Lodge.

Harris No. 216, Orangeville.

My last official visit was made on Friday, Jan. 29th. Harris is one of the largest Lodges in the District, and, strange to say, the attendance on this occasion was the smallest of any Lodge visited. The explanation—a hockey match, but the attendance at the Fourth Degree was greatly improved. An application for affiliation of unusual interest was presented from a Mason 87 years of age. This brother had been initiated in Harris Lodge more than 48 years previously. The First Degree was conferred in good form by a staff of officers but recently installed, and by the work presented on this occasion give excellent promise.

General Remarks.

The reception accorded me, by all the Lodges of the District has been most cordial and hearty. All the **Lodges but one** were visited on the night of the regular meeting. Lodge members are often discouraged from attendance on account of the waste of time during the Lodge session, and sometimes the interest in the meeting is dissipated by a lack of precision and punctuality in opening the Lodge. Ruling Masters would do well to give some attention to these matters. I find in almost every case Lodge property well insured. One characteristic is possessed in common by all the Lodge rooms in the District—bad ventilation or, what

is even worse, no ventilation at all. At my request a copy of the by-laws of the respective Lodges has been forwarded to me. These I have examined, and I have intimated to the Lodges concerned wherein they are contrary to the Constitution. It would be well to have all amendments gathered up from the minutes and new editions issued in some cases. Notices of all regular and emergent meetings have been forwarded to me promptly in most cases, only two Lodges being serious offenders in this matter. Lodges will do well to give some attention to the form and content of the notices sent out to members. Attractive and well-planned notices create interest in the meetings. Some of our Lodges should, in my judgment, give some thought to the Lodge summons.

I have been struck with the uniform excellence of the type of candidate seeking admission to Masonic light. There is no matter that demands a more diligent scrutiny than this. Only the best material can be made into the best Masonic character. Committees charged with the solemn responsibility of making the necessary enquiries as to the fitness of candidates ought not to be content when they have failed to discover any record of viciousness. Certainly a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of our honorable society must be free from such tendencies, but the committee should satisfy itself that in every applicant's personality there are to be found the positive elements out of which good Masons can be made. I fear there is some illegitimate solicitation of candidates for Freemasonry. Perhaps it is zeal that gives rise to this unpardonable practice, but surely such thoughtlessness must be discouraged and speedily eliminated altogether if we are to maintain the dignity and high standing of the craft.

During these visits I have found a great deal of prompting in the ritualistic work, much of it quite unnecessary. Nothing so quickly destroys the interest, saps the enthusiasm of the candidate, and discounts the effectiveness of Degree work as prompting. It should never be necessary, and there are certain

occasions when the candidate should answer for himself. Nothing in the work of the Lodges is so often poorly done as the Grand Honours. It has been my recommendation to all the Lodges of this District that the Grand Honours be practised from time to time. When properly performed, nothing is more beautiful, and nothing more ridiculous when done otherwise. The continued interest taken by our aged Brethren of the craft in the various Lodges of the District, many of these beyond the four score years, has been a source of joy and admiration to me.

In a few weeks now my term of office will close and another will be elected by the District to represent the Grand Master in Grey. Again I wish to express my gratitude to the Brethren for the honor that has come to me in this further opportunity of serving the interests of Masonry. They have given to me unvarying goodwill and loyalty throughout the Masonic year. Harmony, prosperity and progress are in evidence in all the Lodges. In my imperfect and humble way, I have endeavored to give my opinion in Masonic kindness so that my Brethren might be helped in the great quest for Light. I have in the Lodge and out of it aimed at encouraging the spirit of Masonry as I know it, by impressing upon the fraternity the inestimable privileges that are ours, the opportunities that are presented to Masons, and the high importance of right Masonic living. For, after all, folks judge Masons and Masonry, not by what we say about it nor by what is written about it, so much as by the acts and lives of living members of the craft.

The work among the Lodges of Grey District has been a great joy to me, and now that my term has expired, I trust I shall retain the goodwill and confidence of all my Brethren which was placed in me a year ago. My removal to Vancouver, B.C. has placed many miles between us, but nothing can sever the true bond of Masonic brotherhood. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to preserve our beloved Order

by cementing and adorning our lives with every moral and social virtue.

Respectfully submitted

P. T. PILKEY, D.D.G.M.,
Grey District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT A

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District A, I wish to express my gratitude to the Brethren for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to represent the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, in this District.

My first official act was to appoint Worshipful Bro. F. W. Sprules of St. John's Lodge No. 40 District Secretary and Rev. H. Beverley Ketchen, M.A., of the same Lodge District Chaplain.

In my visits I have impressed upon the Brethren the thought that I consider the District Deputy Grand Master an ambassador from the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, binding all the subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge by ties of peace and amity.

There are sixteen Lodges in the District, eight being in the City of Hamilton and the other eight in surrounding towns and villages.

It has been a great pleasure to visit these different Lodges and to find them so efficiently officered and so well conducted.

Visits

My visits were carried out as follows:

Corinthian No. 513, Oct. 22nd, 1925.

Campbell No. 603, Nov. 3rd, 1925.

Hugh Murray, No. 602, Nov. 17th, 1925.

Burlington, No. 165, Nov. 25th, 1925.

Tuscan No. 551, Dec. 3rd, 1925.

Temple No. 324, Dec. 8th, 1925.

St. John's No. 40, Dec. 17th, 1925.

Dundurn, No. 475, Dec. 19th, 1925.

Hamilton No. 562, Feb. 8th, 1926.
Barton No. 6, Feb. 10th, 1926.
Oakville No. 400, April 6th, 1926.
Valley No. 100, April 12th, 1926.
St. Clair No. 135, April 22nd, 1926.
Seymour No. 272, April 27th, 1926.
Waterdown No. 357, May 25th, 1926.
Dufferin No. 291, May 27th, 1926.

A special event in connection with my visit to Temple Lodge was the presence of the R. W. Bro. J. S. Martin, D.G.M.

It is worthy of record that at the regular Assembly of St. John's Lodge in December last, two brothers, T. D. Malcolm and T. McHattie, had reached the fiftieth anniversary of their initiation. A special medal was presented to each of these veterans.

A unique feature of the visit to Dufferin Lodge was the presentation of three beautifully-worked, metal-ornamented electric lesser lights by W. Bro. P. H. Lawson and Bro. F. Lowe (Designer and maker), and received on behalf of the Lodge by Bro. A. C. Ross, Chaplain.

W. Bro. F. W. Sprules being unable to accompany me to Oakville, supplied a very efficient substitute in the person of V.W. Bro. E. G. Wray, my predecessor's District Secretary.

Degrees Worked

I saw the First Degree exemplified in the following Lodges:—

Campbell, Barton, Temple, Hamilton, St. John's, Valley, St. Clair and Dufferin: the Second Degree in Burlington, Corinthian and Waterdown: and the Third Degree in St. John's and Seymour.

The working of the Degrees in the various Lodges was in all cases very efficiently done. In some cases your District Deputy suggested changes and mentioned a few criticisms which had been called to the attention of the District Deputies by Most Worshipful Bro. E. T. Malone at the Communication of Grand Lodges in July, 1925. A feature to which attention may be especially directed is the custom now prevailing of always giving the Junior Warden's Lecture and the Charge in the East in the First Degree. During my early years in the Craft it was usual to defer these lectures and charges to some special occasion.

The District Secretary informed me that the Minutes and Books of the several Lodges were very carefully and correctly kept by the several Secretaries. The annual election of officers conducted by me in the Tuscan, St. John's, Dundurn, Temple, Hugh Murray and Corinthian Lodges were unanimous and harmonious, thus giving evidence of a good spirit among the Brethren.

Altogether I am pleased to report that Masonry is in a very satisfactory condition in Hamilton District A.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

Lodge Rooms

Oakville Lodge No. 400 is to be congratulated upon the beautiful room in which the Brethren meet, and also upon the commodious banquet room beneath.

Ancaster Lodge room has been newly decorated and now presents a pleasing aspect to the eye.

Waterdown Lodge, it would appear, needs a more modern and commodious Assembly room.

Refreshment

In my addresses I frequently made a comparison between the large sums spent in refreshments in the

banquet room and the small sums spent on benevolence, and endeavored to show the Brethren the necessity of spending more in benevolence and charity and less on refreshments. I stated in a number of Lodges that benevolence did not necessarily begin and end with the widows and children of Masons, but might extend beyond the confines of Masonry and embrace such organizations as Children's Homes, Children's Shelters, Sanatoria and such like institutions.

Benevolence

At the Annual Meeting of St. John's Lodge the District Chaplain gave, at my request, a short address on "Benevolence and Charity." In the course of his address he showed how the two differed in some respects but were nowadays practically synonymous terms. One of his statements deserves to be recorded. He said: "We very often hear the statement—as cold as Charity—but you never hear—as cold as Benevolence.'

Junior Members' Night

A practice has grown up of late years of holding special meetings at which the younger members take the working of the Degrees, doing all parts with the exception of the Obligation. This is very desirable and has the effect of maintaining interest, but I would offer the objection that it does not seem very appropriate that a brother who received his Third Degree at a meeting should at the very next meeting, one month later communicate the secrets of the Degree to a candidate. I would suggest that the Obligation and the Secrets should be reserved for a Past Master.

Entertainment in the Banquet Room

This part of the Lodge's activities has of late years assumed very large proportions. In order to provide talent and vary the proceedings women are brought in to sing solos and young boys and girls in their teens are kept waiting until between eleven and

twelve o'clock to give exhibition dances. Your District Deputy thinks these practices are worthy of censure and would suggest that the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge make some ruling in the matter.

Publicity

I am greatly indebted to the following Brethren who accompanied me at different times on my visits and contributed in no small measure to the success of many of the meetings:—

R.W. Bro. S. A. Wait, D.D.G.M., Hamilton District B.

R.W. Bros. F. R. Martin, C. E. Kelly, John Forth and Nelson Morrell, P.D.D.G.M.'s, and R.W. Bro. J. F. Mercer, P.G. Registrar.

V.W. Bros. E. G. Wray and H. Temple.

W. Bros. E. B. Thompson, A. B. Hopkins, A. S. McPherson, A. E. Thrasher, R. Head, J. H. Tigert, J. L. Stewart, R. J. A. Curry, H. R. Hall, H. S. Parks, L. F. Stephens, J. Cochrane, T. D. Farmer and C. G. Stead.

Bros. A. Morrell, G. Newlove, E. Hall, G. Goddard, G. Anderson, W. Vollick.

Among those who accompanied me on my visit to Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, was Bro. E. Morwick, who stated in the Lodge room that it was the 34th anniversary of his initiation into Masonry in that Lodge.

Another custom which has come to the front of late is the habit of reporting very fully in the daily papers the proceedings of a lodge meeting as far as the officers elected, their offices, those who were present, those who addressed the Brethren in the banquet room, etc., are concerned.

It seems to your District Deputy that too much is published in the papers. The public does not need to

be informed of the officers elected and of those who took part in the programme in the banquet room, or any other matter connected with the Lodge.

A Few Statistics

Fourteen Lodges showed an increase in membership and two a decrease. 194 First Degrees were confirmed and 198 Seconds and 202 Thirds. The largest number initiated in any one Lodge was 29 and the smallest number 2. Five Lodges showed no suspension for non-payment of dues. Five had no deaths among the members. The sums given in relief ranged from nothing to \$699. Two of the Lodges had no calls for relief.

In closing I must thank the District Secretary for his zeal, ardour and assistance in the work and for his whole-hearted endeavors to make every meeting a success.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES GILL, D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton District A.

HAMILTON "B" DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

The report of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Hamilton "B" Masonic District for the year ending July, 1926, is hereby respectfully submitted.

I wish first to express my sincere appreciation of the kindness and the generosity to me of the members of Grand Lodge in this District for electing me by acclamation, last July, to the high Masonic position of Deputy for this District, of our popular and efficient Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John A. Rowland, which position, I realize, is one of both responsibility and honor.

Early in my term Wor. Bro. Edward J. McMartin was appointed District Secretary and Wor. Bro. Paul E. Lumsden was appointed District Chaplain. Both of these energetic Past Masters have loyally and enthusiastically assisted me throughout the year. Wor. Bro. McMartin has been present and has ably performed his duties at all my official visits to the various Lodges in this District. Wor. Bro. Lumsden has also accompanied me on many of these visits, and both he and Wor. Bro. McMartin have appropriately addressed the Brethren at many of the meetings.

There are sixteen Lodges in this Hamilton "B" District, seven of which meet in the Masonic Hall in the City of Hamilton, and the other nine outside the city. All of these Lodges have been officially visited during the past year. I have visited many of them twice or oftener.

During the year I had the pleasure and the honor of conducting the election of officers in the following nine Lodges:—Strict Observance, Acacia, Wentworth,

Doric, Electric, Ionic, Buchanan, Wardhope and St. Andrew's No. 593. In almost every Lodge the elections of the various officers were practically unanimous, indicating that a harmonious spirit of co-operation and of good-fellowship exists in the Lodges.

On my visits to all the Lodges of the District, the Past Masters, officers and other members were found to be friendly, sincere, efficient and loyal to their Lodges, and to have the welfare and progress of Masonry at heart. They displayed a kind, courteous and fraternal attitude in their associations with one another, and in their welcome and entertainment of their visiting Brethren. A number of the Lodges generously presented to me beautiful bouquets for my wife, Mrs. Wait, and jewelry and other acceptable articles for myself, which kind courtesies were very much appreciated. In the Lodges, generally, Degrees were conferred accurately and impressively. The Lodge rooms were adequately furnished, heated and ventilated, and pleasingly decorated. The programmes and other features in the banquet rooms were instructive, entertaining and interesting and of a wholesome nature. In a few cases, women or lissome children were present to take part in the banquet room programmes. This was entertaining to the Brethren, but the above-mentioned persons assisting in the programme who were present at a late hour and in an atmosphere containing considerable tobacco smoke, may not have been comfortable. I sometimes believe that our Masonic Lodges would be taking a progressive step if we refrained from providing cigars at our meetings.

I greatly appreciated the presence of Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, with his cheery manner and his interesting address at my visit to Union Lodge No. 7, Grimsby.

I am grateful to the many other Present and Past Grand Lodge officers who so frequently accompanied me on my official visits to the Lodges and appropriately addressed the Brethren. Some of these were:—

R.W. Bros. James Gill, William Ostler, John Forth, F. A. Latshaw, C. E. Kelly, Dr. B. E. Thompson and W. F. Montague, and V. Wor. Bros. Arthur Lavis, D. G. Shearer and H. W. Temple.

I am indebted to the many Past Masters and other Brethren who accompanied me on many of my visits. Much valuable assistance in providing vocal and instrumental music, and in speaking in the banquet room, and in driving their automobiles to enable my accompanying Brethren to be present at the meetings of the various Lodges, especially those outside the city, was willingly rendered by these Brethren, some of whom were W. Bros. F. W. Davidson, W. A. Laidlaw, J. A. Robinson, P. E. Lumsden, E. J. McMartin, T. H. Simpson, J. M. Connor, T. W. Farmer, T. Tregunno, W. D. Connor, J. C. Williams, F. T. Richardson, J. W. Hamilton, T. H. Ross, J. S. Drysdale and H. I. Sparks, and Bros. J. G. Truscott, M. F. Taylor, L. J. Colling, George Newlove, E. Dauphin, A. Leach, P. Moore, S. Walling, G. Goddard, H. Dirks, E. D. Wilson, F. C. Pollitt and A Woolcott.

On Tuesday evening, December 8th, the "Beach Lodge" at Hamilton Beach was instituted, at which I had the privilege and the honor to preside. Many Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters and other Brethren were present. An enjoyable and instructive evening was spent. Since its institution Beach Lodge has prospered under the guidance of its capable officers. A successful future appears to be in store for this new Lodge.

The seven Lodges in this Hamilton "B" District which met in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, together with the eight Lodges in the Hamilton A District, which meet in the same hall, and Buchanan and Hillcrest Lodges at Mount Hamilton, have concurrent jurisdiction regarding candidates. Beach Lodge, Hamilton Beach and Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek, are now applying to Grand Lodge for concurrent jurisdiction with the afore-mentioned Lodges.

It is a common practice at meetings in many of our Lodges to permit or invite special Degree teams from various clubs, organizations, professions or industries, or of young members to occupy the officers' chairs and to confer a Degree. It is the opinion of your D.D.G.M. that objection should not be made to this, providing that the Brethren who take the main parts of the Degree are Worshipful Masters or Wardens. The Brethren taking part in such Degrees derive much benefit and interest and the Brethren who witness the work likewise receive instruction and profit.

Many of our Lodges hold a "Ladies' Night" or "At Home", during the winter, and a "Picnic" during the summer. These social functions are commendable. They enable the families and the friends of the members to meet and become better acquainted with one another and thereby enjoy some additional desirable pleasures in life.

The District Secretary reports that as far as he had opportunities of examining the books of the Secretaries of the Lodges in our District, he found those books accurately and neatly kept. The features of the Annual Reports of the Secretaries for the year immediately preceding the official visit of the D.D.G.M. were varied but in general quite satisfactory. The total membership of all the Lodges in this District is four thousand eight hundred, an increase of one hundred and fifty during the year. The Lodges with the largest membership has eight hundred and seventy members; this is Acacia Lodge No. 61, which lodge your D.D.G.M. had the honor, eight years ago, of ruling as the Worshipful Master. In our sixteen Lodges, two hundred and forty-seven members were initiated during the year, the greatest number initiated in one lodge being thirty-two and the least number one. Forty-three members were suspended for non-payment of dues. It is unfortunate and regrettable that these Brethren allowed the arrears in their dues to exist and thereby make it necessary for this action to be taken. We sincerely regret that the hand of

the grim reaper, Death, has removed from our Lodge-rolls, and from our companionship, thirty-four of our members. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the relatives of these deceased Brethren.

It is pleasing to report that the total sum of three thousand two hundred dollars was contributed for benevolence by our Lodges during the year. The largest amount contributed by any one Lodge was five hundred and fifty dollars. One Lodge, which apparently is located in a prosperous district, found it unnecessary to contribute any amount for this purpose. The monthly notices or summonses of the Secretaries of our Lodges have been concise, attractive and informative. Your D.D.G.M. has received regularly, each month, as required by the Constitution, the monthly notices of all the Lodges but one.

Hamilton and the surrounding district have sometimes been referred to as a "Hub of Masonry." It is true that Masonry in and around Hamilton has had an honorable historic past. At the present time the progress, service and standard of our Masonic Lodges are praiseworthy. We trust that in the future for all time to come, Masonry in this District and in the other Districts and even throughout the whole world, will continue to flourish, bring honor upon itself and render beneficial and elevating service to the members of the Craft, and to the rest of mankind.

Fraternally submitted,

SMITH AUSTIN WAIT, D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton "B" District.

LONDON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I beg to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Masonry in this District for the year ending June 30th, 1926.

I desire first to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Brethren of this District for the honor conferred on me and on St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, A.F.&A.M.G.R.C., Lambeth, Ontario, in electing me District Deputy Grand Master and intrusting to me the duties of this high office, the dignity and honor of which I have endeavoured to uphold to the very best of my ability.

I wish also to thank Wor. Bro. Fred Adams who acted as District Secretary during my term of office and inspected the work of the Secretaries which he reported as most satisfactory.

Special Meetings

During the year many meetings of special interest were held. Possibly the most outstanding of these was the one in connection with the visit of our Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Rowland to London Masonic District on April 23rd, 1926. It took place in the Masonic Temple when fully one thousand members of the twenty-three Lodges in the District assembled to do honor to our distinguished guest. The Grand Master was accompanied by R.Wor. Bro. the Honorable John S. Martin, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as many other present and past Grand Lodge Officers.

His Worship the Mayor, Bro. John M. Moore, welcomed the Grand Lodge Officers and expressed the hope that they would again at some future time

visit London and the Masons of London District. Eloquent and impressive addresses that will long live in the memory of the Brethren of this District were delivered by both the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master.

Another meeting that created much interest was that of Acacia Lodge No. 580, London, on the afternoon of March 13th, 1926. The Degree work was in charge of Past District Deputy Grand Masters with R. Wor. Bro. L. A. Ross in the east with all other chairs taken by P.D.D.G.M.'s of London District. This was a meeting much enjoyed by all, especially the present officers of the various Lodges and younger members.

Many meetings worthy of mention, if space would permit, have been held during the year, such as Fraternal visits, one Lodge to another. At Homes, Picnics, Divine Services, etc., and in the connection, I may say that the real fellowship existing between the several Lodges in the District as well as in the individual Lodge, spells success for the future of the jurisdiction.

London District in the year just closed loses one of its most widely known and esteemed Brethren. On the 18th October last, there was stricken down in the apparent fullness of a strong and vigorous manhood with many years of usefulness before him, R. Wor. Bro. Neil McGill, Past District Deputy Grand Master. The summons came quietly but most unexpectedly. The Craft lost one of its most faithful workers. He was a source of strength to our beloved Order in this District. He was a man of amiable disposition and pleasing manner who always looked upon the bright side of life, and his cheering presence was an inspiration to emulate his example. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge No. 20, March 12th, 1901, and in Masonry he found such full scope for his attractive qualities of mind and heart that his advancement was very rapid and his zeal for the Craft had been marked by an answering devotion to

its principles and a desire to elevate the standard of its members. Now that he is at rest from his labors may it be in holy peace.

In order to keep the report of my official visits at reasonable length, I will report on the ten City Lodges collectively and will give individual reports on the thirteen in the Rural Districts.

First of all I wish to say it was my pleasure to visit every Lodge in the City once officially and many of them I visited unofficially two or three times. In every instance on my official visit Degree work was carried out which was worthy of any praise that could possibly be offered. The Worshipful Masters and officers proved to be real Masons and are putting forth an honest endeavor to promote the best interests of our Fraternity in this City. On each of these visits I was received with the very highest degree of courtesy and welcomed in a true Masonic spirit. I feel greatly indebted to the Past Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Masters, Officers and Brethren of the City for their loyal and undivided support during my year of office.

Middlesex Lodge No. 379, Bryanston. This, my first official visit, was made on Wednesday evening, September 30th, 1925, when I had the honor of being introduced to the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. T. Essery, the oldest P.D.D.G.M. in London District. I received a very kind and cordial welcome from the Worshipful Master on behalf of the Officers and Members of Middlesex Lodge. Wor. Bro. Hudson and his Officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner and the future of Middlesex Lodge is most encouraging.

Belmont Lodge No. 190, Belmont. On October 2nd, 1925, I visited this Lodge and was received most heartily by the Worshipful Master and the Officers and Brethren of Belmont Lodge, after being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Moore, P.D.D.G.M., who, by the way, is a member of this Lodge and serves as a

guiding hand whenever called upon. Wor. Bro. Jones and his Officers conferred the First Degree in a very impressive manner, and from the excellent attention given by every one present, I would say it was enjoyed by all.

St. Paul's Lodge No. 107, Lambeth. On the evening of November 25th, 1925, I visited this, my Mother Lodge, and received a most hearty welcome. There was an extra large turn out of the members as well as visitors, and as the ladies were also present, in charge of a fowl supper, the Worshipful Master did not put on any Degree work, but raised and lowered the Lodge in the First, Second and Third Degree, after which adjournment was made to the banquet hall below.

Merrill Lodge No. 344, Dorchester. I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this Lodge on November 27th, 1925, and was received on behalf of Merrill Lodge by the Worshipful Master in such a manner that one could not help but feel the thrill of a true welcome. The First Degree was conferred in a most excellent manner, each officer doing his part in almost faultless fashion. I had the pleasure of presenting on behalf of the Lodge to Wor. Bro. James Morris, Past Master of Merrill Lodge, the Jewel of a Past Master, as also did Rt. Wor. Bro. Stewart have the same honor in presenting Wor. Bro. Chas. Hunt with a similar gift. Merrill Lodge is doing good work and making steady growth.

Moffatt Lodge No. 399, Harrietsville. On November 30th, 1925, I visited Moffat Lodge and received a very warm reception from the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The Second Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The work of the Secretary is well looked after, and the future of this Lodge is favorable.

Nilestown Lodge No. 345, Nilestown. On December 29th, 1925, I paid my official visit to the Bre-

thren of Nilestown Lodge, and was accorded a splendid reception after being introduced to the Master, Officers and Brethren by V. Wor. Bro. Jackson and Wor. Bro. Martin. The work of the evening was the First Degree which was put on by the Master and his Officers in a very impressive manner. The work of the Junior Warden, in the manner in which the lecture was given, is worthy of special mention.

Ashlar Lodge No. 610, Byron. My official visit to this Lodge was on February 22nd, 1926. I had the honor of being introduced to the members and visitors, who greeted me on this occasion, by Wor. Bro. John Merriam, the First Master of Ashlar Lodge. The First Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Graham and his Officers in a dignified and impressive manner, which brought worthy compliments from many of those present.

Delaware Valley Lodge No. 358, Delaware. My visit to Delaware Valley Lodge was made on the evening of April 29th, 1926, and I was accorded a very cordial reception by Wor. Bro. Flosdale, the present Master of the Lodge. There being no Degree work, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three Degrees. Delaware Valley Lodge is to be congratulated on having again a Lodge Hall of their own, and for their zeal and courage in acquiring same after the loss by fire of their former one.

Mount Olivet Lodge No. 300, Thorndale. I visited this Lodge officially on April 27th, 1926, and was introduced to the Brethren through the Worshipful Master, by Wor. Bro. James Guest and Bro. Rev. Crummer. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors, but owing to the recent illness of the Master and the absence of the Senior Warden, through a death in the family, no Degree work was put on. The Lodge opened and closed in the Third Degree by the Master and his Officers in a very capable manner. At this meeting it was my pleasure to present on behalf of the Lodge to Wor. Bro. Clare Harding, a Past Master's Jewel.

Myra Lodge No. 529. On May 24th, 1926, I visited Myra Lodge and was received by the Worshipful Master on behalf, of the Lodge, in a very courteous manner. Wor. Bro. Lloyd and his Officers conferred the Second Degree to the entire satisfaction of all present, and the Worshipful Master was complimented on all sides for the way in which he conducted the meeting.

Doric Lodge No. 289, Lobo. I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this Lodge on May 27th, 1926, and after being introduced to the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. C. Ferguson, I was given a real welcome by the Worshipful Master on behalf of Doric Lodge. The Second Degree was conferred on Bro. McIntyre by the Master and his Officers in a very creditable manner, each officer doing his work well.

Henderson Lodge No. 388, Ilderton. My official visit to Henderson Lodge was on the evening of June 21st, 1926, where I was loyally and heartily received by a very large gathering of members and visitors. Wor. Bro. Rosser and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very able manner and in a way that was worthy of my sincere congratulations. Henderson Lodge is one of the many Lodges in London District that is doing good work and where peace and brotherhood prevail. I was particularly pleased to have Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. T. D. Orme, D.D.G.M. of South Huron District, accompany me on this visit, and his remarks at this meeting were much enjoyed.

King Solomon Lodge No. 394, Thamesford. This, my last official visit, was made on June 23rd, 1926, when I received a rousing reception from the large gathering present, after being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bros. Wallace and Dunlop. Worshipful Master J. Chowen and his officers exemplified the Second Degree exceedingly well in a very impressive manner. This is a Lodge where the Past Masters take a real interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and they are to be congratulated. It was my pleasure to have the

honor of presenting to Wor. Bro. F. A. Smith, I.P.M., on behalf of King Solomon Lodge, a Past Master's Jewel.

In conclusion, I feel that Masonry in London District is in a real healthy condition, the attendance at the meetings, the enthusiasm and the uniformity of the work throughout has been a source of pride and inspiration to me. My term of office has been one of great pleasure, and without referring to any one in particular, I desire to thank the many present and past Grand Lodge officers of the District, whose presence and advice have been a source of strength to me in my official duties, and to them I am deeply indebted.

Fraternally submitted,

W. D. LOVE, D.D.G.M.,
London District.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Muskoka District for the year 1925-26.

First, I wish to express to the Brethren of this District, my sincere thanks for the honor they have conferred upon me in electing me their D.D.G.M., and my heartfelt appreciation of their loyal support and cooperation during the year.

My duties have been the reverse of arduous, as the district is a very compact one compared with many of the rural districts. Its eight Lodges cover most of the territory often and rightly referred to as "the Playground of Ontario," and their memberships therefore have the same general outlook on life. Possibly this has something to do with the universal harmony and good-fellowship so apparent throughout the District, and the fact that during my term of office I have not had even one contentious matter brought to my attention for a ruling.

My first official act was to notify the various Lodges of my appointment, and of the appointment by me of W. Bro. J. W. Reid as District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Ralph Sadler as Chaplain.

On December 29th, 1925, I assisted in the installation of officers in my mother Lodge, Muskoka No. 360, and wish to particularly compliment W. Bro. Reid on his efficiency in that work.

On June 24th, 1926, I assisted in the installation of the officers of Golden Rule No. 409, Gravenhurst.

With two such inspiring Craftsmen as R.W. Bros. McLeay and Clipsham, who did the lion's share of the work, Golden Rule will assuredly live up to its name.

Visit of the Grand Master.

The outstanding Masonic event, not only of this year but in the history of the District, was the visit of Most Worshipful Bro. Rowland to Muskoka District, at Huntsville, on June 15, 1926. On this occasion Unity Lodge, Huntsville, acted as hosts to the Brethren of the District, with their ladies. The Lodge was not opened for work but the afternoon and evening were given over entirely to a sociable get-together of the Brethren and their ladies from all over the District. In the afternoon the commodious steamer Algonquin, of the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Navigation Company, took the party round the three beautiful lakes adjacent to Huntsville. The weather was absolutely perfect for such an outing. Our Huntsville Brethren, as hosts, were as perfect as the weather, while the ladies gave that touch to the occasion that may justly be compared to the beautifying hand of Hiram. Introductions were the order of the day and I am sure the Masons of the District got acquainted with more of their fellow Craftsmen than has been possible on any previous occasion, and, as every member of the party was provided with a nameplate, these introductions were kept alive. On their return to town the party were motored through the Memorial Park and Motor Camp. This park is in an angle of the river and the high ground overlooks the town and the sinuous winding waters that almost surround it. In its natural beauty and the work that has been done to enhance that beauty it would be a credit to any town or city. This work of adding beauty to the already beautiful constitutes a permanent record of much self-sacrificing labour on the part of public spirited citizens, and I am proud to know that nearly all the workers are members of Unity Lodge, thus showing that the teachings of the Craft have borne abundant fruit. Wisdom to contrive, strength to

support and preserve, and beauty to adorn are all there exemplified in a most practical manner.

In the evening a banquet was given in the Parish Hall at which over four hundred guests did justice to the viands provided by the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary and dispensed with more than professional alacrity by white robed members of the Lodge under the able leadership of W. Bro. Parker. After the banquet furniture had been removed, W. Bro. Abraham, Master of Unity Lodge, assumed the chair, flanked by the present and past D.D.G.M.'s of the District. Following his very cordial address of welcome, local members of the Craft, assisted by the Collins Orchestra, put on a splendid musical programme. The Collins Orchestra, which is composed of members of the now famous Anglo Canadian Leather Company's Band, also gave the visitors a real musical treat on the steamer and during the banquet. The event of the evening was the address by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John A. Rowland, who was introduced by R.W. Bro. Brant in a few well chosen and appropriate words. Those who have had the privilege of hearing M.W. Bro. Rowland will appreciate the treat that was given the Brethren in his inspiring address on the general tenets and principles of Masonry that in his own inimitable way was made interesting not only to the Masons present, but to their wives, their mothers, their sisters and their daughters. This was followed by the presentation to M.W. Bro. Rowland of a deerskin table cover with an appropriate painted design, the product of our Muskoka Forest and Muskoka Craftsmen. This most enjoyable day was brought to a close by R.W. Bro. Wilson, I.P.D.D.G.M., conveying in his Irish way the thanks of the District to Unity Lodge.

In an affair so well managed as was this reunion, it would be impossible to mention those who excelled without appending a list of the whole membership of Unity Lodge. Suffice it to say that the remark heard on all sides was: "We ought to have more of such meetings in different places in the

near years even if 'Unity' have set a mark that few of us can hope to attain."

As to the progress of Masonry in this District I find that since 1920 the total membership has increased from 840 to over 1200, or nearly fifty per cent. and this increase was fairly evenly divided among all the Lodges. In a District that has not materially increased its total population this indicates a healthy progress in the Craft without that abnormal taking in of members that is not always in the best interest of Masonry. In all the Lodges I have found the Past Masters taking a lively interest, records have been well kept and insurance kept in force, indicating that this district is living up to its Masonic teachings.

Official Visits

On all my official visits I was given a splendid reception and tendered a banquet at which good fellowship was the keynote in every case.

In looking over my immediate predecessor's report I find the names of, I think, all those who have been outstanding in the Craft in the District. He has done this so well that it would be folly for me to attempt to repeat it so soon afterward. Suffice it to say that I fully concur in his commendations of those faithful Masons and can assure you that I have found them still worthy. In the following notes on my visits I have therefore largely omitted this phase as also reports on the Fourth Degree, although I realize its importance, and have confined myself generally to statements of the work done, the condition of the lodges and a few statistics that may enable each Lodge to know how its neighbor is progressing.

Granite No. 352, Parry Sound, June 16th. This is the oldest Lodge in the District, their charter being dated in 1876. They also have much the largest membership constituting nearly twenty-five per cent. of the total of the District. This membership, I believe, is largely composed of railwaymen and marin-

ers which accounts for the fact that in the number of Past Masters and average attendance they do not quite come up to some of the smaller Lodges in the District. As pointed out by my predecessors, however, as befits their age and numbers, Granite have the best appointed Lodge room in the District and their work is in keeping with their appointments.

A Third Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Broughton, assisted by several Past Masters, in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The manner of the final address and explanation by W. Bro. Moore and the invocations by W. Bro. Pirie, assisted by the choir, and aided by splendid lighting effects, gave a solemnity to this Degree that is not attainable by younger officers or in surroundings lacking the fine appointments conspicuous in Granite Lodge.

Muskoka No. 360, Bracebridge, February 2nd. This being my mother Lodge in which I was initiated over twenty-five years ago, I was particularly gratified by the very large attendance of members for my official visit.

As I have been more or less in harness in Muskoka Lodge since my initiation, and am at present Treasurer, it may be more becoming to rest its reputation on the reports of my predecessors in office, and merely say that W. Bro. Spreadborough and his officers conferred a Second Degree in a manner quite in keeping with those reports.

During the past year Muskoka Lodge has made very considerable improvements in their quarters. The Lodge room has been lengthened by some fifteen feet, permitting better space for the work and the seating accommodation increased in still greater proportion. Considerable new furniture has been added and a better system of lighting installed. In addition they have added a refreshment room that will seat about seventy or eighty, and my official visit was also the official opening of this room. The Wor.

Bro. Reide and his capable assistants deserve credit for making the occasion a success. Among the visitors we were honored by the presence of V.W. Bro. Weegar, Div. Superintendant of the C.N.R., who gave us a very interesting address.

With the improvements in their rooms Muskoka Lodge should go forward with confidence.

Unity No. 376, Huntsville, February 10th. This Lodge holds the record for the District in point of average attendance (thirty-nine) and number of P.D.D.M.G.'s (four) still at work. The regular appearance of R.W. Bros. Shearer, Fisher, Grand and Rice was very apparent, not only on the register, but in the manner in which the Third Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Abraham and his officers.

I was particularly pleased with the floor work of the junior officers which indicated very careful instruction outside of work hours. While not casting any reflection on the work of other Lodges which, in my opinion is well above the average, I have frankly recommended their junior officers in particular to pay a fraternal visit to Unity for an object lesson in some of those little precisions of manner and deportment that lend dignity to the work and are a delight to the onlooker.

Golden Rule No. 409, Gravenhurst, May 10th. As this Lodge is only a short distance from my own I have many opportunities of visiting them and know that their work under the supervision of Past Masters is always excellently done as it was on the occasion of my official visit when W. Bro. Wiancko and his officers conferred a Second Degree. Golden Rule are changing the date of their installation from December to June, so their officers have been in office eighteen months. Golden Rule are now equipping a real banquet room in keeping with their splendid Lodge room, which will be a pleasure to themselves and their cordially welcomed visitors.

Strong No. 423, Sundridge, March 15th. The work of this Lodge under W. Bro. Malyon is well done. They are somewhat cramped for room, but what they lack in space is made up for in enthusiasm. Strong Lodge is steadily improving its financial position, and as soon as circumstances will permit I would be glad to see them remove to some more commodious location where that enthusiasm would have a better chance. Under the able direction of R.W. Bro. Church of Sundridge, and R.W. Bro. Wilson of Burks Falls, who is also a member, Strong Lodge can be depended upon to guard the ancient landmarks.

Algonquin No. 434, Emsdale, June 1st. This Lodge holds a rather unique position. In a membership of one hundred and forty they have not more than a score resident in Emsdale where the Lodge is situated, and their officers are scattered north, south, east and west to the limits of their jurisdiction in similar proportion. Notwithstanding this disability they own their Lodge room and have the best average attendance of members in proportion to their total membership in the District. An average membership attendance of twenty-five per cent. under such circumstances speaks volumes for their Masonic enthusiasm and is reflected in the outstanding spirit of fraternity among the members.

I noticed that a former D.D.G.M. used their scattered situation in extenuation of the work performed, but from the manner in which W. Bro. Hayward and his officers conferred the Second Degree on my visit, this Lodge does not now stand in need of that or any other alibi.

I have refrained from adding much detail of the banquets tendered me on all my official visits, as all were so enjoyable. It would be unfair, however, to pass Algonquin without a special word of praise to the ladies who, as relatives of the officers, were likewise scattered over long distances from Emsdale, yet got in touch with each other to provide such an excellent programme of good things for the inner man

stayed to see that they were well and properly distributed.

With such real helpmates in their wigwams and a council of such tried chiefs as R.W. Bros. Metcalfe and Freeland and W. Bro. Thaw, I have great faith in the future of this Algonquin Lodge.

Powassan No. 443, Powasson, February 12th. Unfortunately this Lodge had no Degree work to confer on this date, but W. Bro. Moyer and his officers opened and closed in all Degrees in a manner reflecting credit on themselves and their corps of willing Past Masters. On this occasion I had the honor of presenting, on behalf of Powassan Lodge, a certificate of life membership to V.W. Bro. L. G. Phillips as a token of the good work he had done and still is doing on behalf of this Lodge.

I have been told that a few years ago Powassan Lodge suffered something of a depression, but they have very evidently emerged from that condition as I find that since 1920 their membership has increased by over seventy percent, being the largest in the District, and they are on the highway to continued prosperity.

Corona No. 454, Burks Falls, December 14, 1925. The number of this Lodge indicates that it is the baby of the District and therefore the last on my list, but because it is the home of my immediate predecessor, R.W. Bro. J. J. Wilson, I made it my first official visit in the hope of obtaining from him some light on the duties and precepts of my office, and I was not disappointed.

R.W. Bro. Wilson is not only the efficient secretary of Corona Lodge but the kindly mentor of its officers, and under his watchful eye the Degree conferred by W. Bro. McLellan and his officers left nothing to criticize. With such a live wire secretary and the steady and always ready hand of R.W. Bro. Hilliar, Corona is sure to prosper and advance in the teachings of the Craft.

Before concluding my report I wish to acknowledge my sincere thanks to the officers and Brethren of each and every Lodge in the District for their cordial receptions of me and their expressions of good will. Particularly am I indebted to R.W. Bro. McKay, the only remaining P.D.D.G.M. in my own Lodge, for his tutelage in constitutional matters, and to the I.P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Wilson of Corona Lodge for his wise and kindly advice on all matters pertaining to the office.

So far as I know R.W. Bro. Wilson has been, during the past twenty years, the most consistently regular attendant at Grand Lodge of any in the District. His consequent ripe experience given in his own whimsical but definite manner has been of invaluable assistance to me.

I also wish to thank the Brethren of the various Lodges who visited their neighbors in such goodly numbers on my official visits, adding so much fraternalism to these gatherings.

The memory of the splendid men I have met during the year,—the studious Masons, the cheerful workers and the merry makers will remain with me and be a source of joy in the years to come.

Truly, "when we start to teach we really begin to learn."

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY J. BIRD, JR., D.D.G.M.,
Muskoka District

NIAGARA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

It is with great pleasure I submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of Niagara District No. 10, for the year ending June 24, 1926, on the condition of Masonry.

I desire first to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the Brethren of the District in electing me to the very important office of D.D.G.M., and for the loyal and hearty assistance they gave me during the year. I am deeply grateful to all the officers and members of the various lodges for the many kindnesses and courtesies, extended to me when visiting their respective Lodges, also to the several officers and members who accompanied me on many of my visits, thereby turning a seemingly arduous duty into one of real pleasure.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. R. A. Corbett of Seymour Lodge No. 227, as District Secretary, and Bro. (Rev.) Samuel MacLean, also of Seymour Lodge No. 227, as District Chaplain.

My next official duty was performed on October the 7th, 1925, when by direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I had the honor of constituting, consecrating and dedicating Stamford Lodge No. 626 at South End. I also had the honor of installing the officers, in which duty I was ably assisted by Wor. Bro. Gray of King Edward Lodge, acting as assistant Installing Master, as well as many Past Masters from the surrounding District. L. T. Couch as Secretary is doing splendid work for the Lodge.

The services of Rt. Wor. Bro. A. B. Damude, V. Wor. Bros. Attig and Radford were very much appreciated.

Perfection Lodge No. 616, St. Catharines, Ont. My first official visit was made to Perfection Lodge No. 616, St. Catharines, on September the 6th, 1925. Through the kindness of Wor. Bro. McComb, I received an invitation to visit on this early date, which was very much appreciated. This was the occasion of a fraternal visit by Metropolitan Lodge, Toronto. Wor. Bro. Smith and officers of Metropolitan Lodge exemplified the Third Degree in a very impressive manner.

I also visited Perfection Lodge No. 616, St. Catharines, on May the 11th, 1926. I received a very cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. Frank R. Coy and the members. This is the baby Lodge of the City, though making good progress. The work of conferring the First Degree was exemplified with full musical ritual for my inspection, in a manner that gave me plenty of opportunity to congratulate Wor. Bro. Coy and his officers. This Lodge has a capable set of officers, though lacking in that enthusiasm which creates "life and fraternal good-fellowship," which is necessary in every Lodge.

Dufferin Lodge No. 338, Wellandport. I visited this Lodge on October the 27th, 1925. I received a very hearty reception from Wor. Bro. Stillman, officers and members.

There being no Degree work for this evening, I requested Wor. Bro. Stillman to open and close the Lodge in the Three Degrees, which was done to my entire satisfaction. This Lodge has caught the spirit of inter-Lodge visits, having made recent visits to the neighboring Lodges and working Degrees. The junior officers of Dufferin Lodge are capable and energetic.

Wor. Bro. Fralick is an efficient Secretary, and has the books well kept and reports a satisfactory financial condition. Notwithstanding that the membership of this Lodge live at some distance from Wellendport, where the meetings are held, there is a good attendance, and I believe there is a good future in store.

Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville, Ont. I visited Amity Lodge No. 32, on November the 4th, 1925, and was introduced by Wor. Bros. Parkes and Yokum. Received a real fraternal welcome. The work of the evening was the First Degree, which was conferred in a very perfect and impressive manner. Wor. Bro. Allen was assisted in the work by a goodly number of Past Masters, who are a real tower of strength to this Lodge, and inspiration to the Brethren.

Wor. Bro. Lymburner is a very able and energetic Secretary, and reports finances well in hand.

Amity Lodge is outgrowing their present very comfortable home, and I have no doubt that, in the near future, the Brethren will be erecting a new Temple.

Dedication of Lodge Rooms

Clifton Lodge No. 254 A.F.&A.M., and St. Marks Lodge No. 103 A.F.&A.M., November 17, 1925. A special communication of Grand Lodge was held at Niagara Falls, Ont., on November the 17th, 1925, when the Most Worshipful the Grand Master dedicated the new Masonic Temple, owned and occupied by Clifton and St. Mark's Lodges. I had the honor of acting as D.G.M. on this occasion.

The M.W. the Grand Master was assisted by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Peter Grant, D.D.G.M., Toronto, District A.; R.W. Bro. Ostler, Grand S.W., as well as many Past Masters of the District. R.W. Bro. Lymburner

and R.W. Bro. Didemus also took part in the dedication ceremonies.

After the ceremonies the Brethren had the extreme pleasure of listening to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville, Ont. Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville, was visited on November the 30th. There was a large attendance of Brethren at this meeting from the surrounding District, including members from Ivy Lodge, Seymour Lodge, and others.

Wor. Bro. Patterson and officers exemplified the work of the Third Degree in a very fine manner, and with a great degree of impressiveness, so essential in the work. The Wor. Master was very ably assisted by Wor. Bros. F. Hayes and W. H. Tremblay, who have rendered faithful service to Coronation Lodge, and I am sure will be serving for many more years.

Wor. Bro. Parrott is a very efficient and painstaking Secretary, who has the records of the Lodge in fine order and shows dues well paid, and good average attendance.

I was pleased with the turn out, especially the older members. This Lodge has a very comfortable home, and nicely furnished. A very bright future is in store for Coronation Lodge.

St. George's Lodge No. 15, St. Catharines, Ont. I visited St. George's Lodge No. 15, on December the 8th, 1925. I was introduced by Wor. Bros. George Burch and W. Dean, both old Past Masters, Wor. Bro. Dean having taken part in my initiation in my mother Lodge (Seymour Lodge No. 277) nearly 23 years ago. I received a very cordial reception.

The work of conferring the First Degree was performed in an efficient and able manner. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

Bro. A. N. Lindsay is the very capable and careful Secretary and reports financial matters in good order, and dues well paid. The future of this Lodge seems to be very good.

Stamford Lodge No. 626, Niagara Falls, South. I made my official visit to this Lodge on January the 6th, 1926. There was a large attendance at this meeting, including visiting Brethren from the neighboring District.

I received a very cordial welcome, having the honor of being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Lymburner and receiving my official welcome from Wor. Jas. Depew, who has the honor of being the First Master of this, the baby Lodge of Niagara District. Wor. Bro. DePew, I believe, has the distinction of being the oldest acting Master in the District, and perhaps in the Province, being now in his 83rd. year, and within a few months will have been a Mason fifty years. The Third Degree was exemplified by the officers in a faultless manner, which reflects great credit on this new Lodge. I cannot speak too highly of the efforts of Wor. Bro. DePew, Wor. Bro. W. M. Church, and Wor. Bro. R. H. Smith, to whom this Lodge owes a debt of gratitude for its existence and splendid condition.

Bro. L. T. Couch is a very efficient Secretary and has given much of his time and services in creating and building this Lodge. His books are well kept, and he reports his department in good financial condition. There is a very good future in store for Stamford Lodge, and success is assured.

Niagara Lodge No. 2. I paid my official visit to Niagara Lodge No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on January the 27th, 1925. I was accompanied by a goodly number of the members of my mother Lodge,

as well as Brethren of St. Catharines and other places. All pleased to have the privilege of visiting the "Old Home of Masonry."

I was introduced by V.Wor. Allen, an old friend, and received a most cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. W. G. Irwin and the Brethren. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Second Degree which was conferred in a most impressive and perfect manner, by Wor. Bro. Irwin and his officers, manifesting that the "Old Lodge" has lost none of its cunning, and that the ancient landmarks and traditions are carefully guarded.

I was very pleased to meet on this occasion V. Wor. Bro. John Knox, a connecting link between the past and present. He has been a regular attendant for 56 years. Bro. A. J. Wood is a very capable Secretary and has the books and all records in first class order, and reports dues well paid up.

Seymour Lodge No. 277, Port Dalhousie. I made my official visit to this, my mother Lodge, on January the 13th, 1925. Needless to say I was very much pleased to have the honor of visiting this Lodge as the representative of the Grand Master.

The work of the Second Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Peter Shaw and his officers, who were in the chairs for the first time, in a faultless manner, on three candidates, one of whom was my nephew, Bro. J. J. Humphries. There was a splendid attendance of members and visiting Brethren from the surrounding District. Wor. Bro. H. A. Volvin, an old Past Master, who was present twenty-four years ago when I was admitted into Masonry, was also in attendance. This Lodge is enjoying a splendid growth, and has a good future, with capable officers occupying all the chairs.

Adanac Lodge No. 614, Merriton. I visited this Lodge on February the 4th, 1926. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. L. S. O'Connor, an old friend, receiving

a most cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. R. A. Bradley and members of the Lodge. There was a goodly number of visiting Brethren present. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Third Degree, and for the first time by Wor. Bro. Robert A. Bradley and officers. This is one of the younger Lodges, and I was very pleased with the work and the manner in which the business was conducted. I am sure there is a bright future in store for this Lodge.

Wor. Bro. H. L. Savigny is a very efficient Secretary, and has records in good order, with dues well paid up.

St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls. On February the 9th, 1926, it was my pleasure to visit St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls. Notwithstanding the fact that it was a very stormy evening, there was a goodly number of members and visiting Brethren present. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. R. C. Birrell, acting as District Secretary.

The Second Degree was exemplified with full musical ritual by Wor. Bro. Hetherington and his efficient staff of officers and Past Masters, in an impressive manner. I am pleased to report that this Lodge along with Clifton Lodge No. 254, have acquired a new home which is well appointed. In Wor. Bro. H. F. Garner, St. Mark's Lodge has a very capable Secretary, who looks well after the finances and has the records in good order.

Temple Lodge No. 296, St. Catharines. On February the 17th, 1926, I was pleased to visit Temple Lodge No. 296, St. Catharines. This is one of the largest Lodges of the District. There was a goodly attendance of members and visiting Brethren from the near District, including 25 members of my mother Lodge, Seymour No. 277, Port Dalhousie.

The work of conferring the First Degree was well exemplified with full musical ritual by Bro.

Backus and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters of the Lodge, who rendered very much appreciated service.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the obligation of the candidate by his father, Wor. Bro. P. W. Dakers, and given with much impression.

V. Wor. Bro. C. A. Brown is a very capable Secretary, who has all records in good order and reports, finances in a very satisfactory condition.

Merritt Lodge No. 168, Welland. I had the very great pleasure of visiting Merritt Lodge No. 168, Welland, Ontario, on February the 22nd, 1926. This is the mother Lodge of my predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. C. S. Bravin, and is one of the largest Lodges in the District.

I was accompanied by forty members of my mother Lodge, and from Lodges in St. Catharines, Merritton and Thorold. The work in the First Degree was exemplified in a perfect and very impressive manner by Wor. Bro. N. G. Michner and officers. Merritt Lodge has the distinction of having two P.D.D.G.M.'s among the membership, Rt. Wor. Bro. Crow, a P.D.D.G.M. of more than twenty-five years, and Rt. Wor. Bro. C. S. Bravin, my predecessor, each taking a very active part in the affairs of the Lodge.

This Lodge has a very capable set of officers, each discharging his duties in a manner that gives assurance of fraternal strength and efficiency for many years to come.

In Wor. Bro. H. E. Dawdy, the genial Secretary, this Lodge has a very capable officer, who has his work well in hand and reports a good financial standing.

Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls. On the evening of March 4th, 1926, I visited Clifton Lodge

No. 254, Niagara Falls. This is the largest Lodge in the District. There was a goodly number of members and visiting Brethren present. I was met and escorted into the Lodge by the Clifton Lodge Pipers Band, and had the pleasure of being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. L. C. Lymburner, P.D.D.G.M., and Wor. Bro. R. H. Smith.

The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Second Degree which was conferred by Wor. Bro. Gillies and officers. Clifton Lodge has a very large number of Past Masters who are regular in their attendance, and give much appreciated service at all times. The work of the junior officers is commendable and gives promise of the same efficiency as that of their predecessors.

As heretofore referred to, Clifton Lodge, along with St. Mark's, have recently purchased a new home which is a credit to the Craft, and serves many purposes, including that of recreation rooms for the Brethren. The duties of Secretary are in the capable hands of Rt. Wor. Bro. J. C. Lymburner, who has a very complete set of books, records well kept, and reports a satisfactory financial condition.

Mountain Lodge No. 221, Thorold, Ont. I had the pleasure of visiting officially on March the 11th, 1926, Mountain Lodge No. 221, Thorold, Ont.

Wor. Bro. McCartney and officers conferred the Third Degree in a most satisfactory and impressive manner. I have much pleasure in noting the splendid service this Lodge receives from the Past Masters at all times. They are a real strength and an inspiration to the junior officers. Wor. Bro. W. Mable is the Secretary, whose books and business methods are commendable. He reports a very satisfactory condition in this important department. This Lodge own their own Lodge rooms, and I am glad to report have a very fine recreation room in connection with the Lodge, for the use of the members.

Adoniram Lodge No. 573, Niagara Falls. On March the 15th, 1926, accompanied by a goodly number of Brethren from my mother Lodge, and the Wor. Master (Wor. Bro. Jos. Backus) and a number of Brethren from Temple Lodge, St. Catharines, I paid my official visit to Adoniram Lodge No. 573, Niagara Falls. I was greeted by a splendid attendance and visitors from the District Lodges.

My official escort was Wor. Bro. Chas. H. Stringer, and upon being received a very hearty welcome was accorded me by Wor. Bro. D. G. McGillivary and Brethren.

The work put on for my inspection was the Second Degree, which was exceedingly well conferred by Wor. Bro. McGillivary and his officers, and deserving the highest compliments. The junior officers of this Lodge are capable and well skilled and give ample assurance that the future of this Lodge will be in able hands. Wor. Bro. H. M. Little performs the duties of Secretary in a manner that is satisfactory to all. His books are well kept and he reports that all is well. I am glad to say Adoniram Lodge owns their own home, and as a young Lodge is making very substantial progress.

Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson. It was my great pleasure on March 23, 1926, to visit officially Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson. This was also the occasion of observing the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of this Lodge, which was fittingly celebrated.

Despite the fact that it was a very disagreeable day, a goodly number of members were present, including a splendid representation from sister Lodges, who were in attendance to unite with Myrtle Lodge in observing the fiftieth anniversary and to do honor to those pioneers in Masonry, who were the founders. These included Brethren from Hamilton, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Welland, Thorold, Fronthill, Port Dalhousie and other places.

Because of the insufficient time, Degree work was dispensed with. I have visited this Lodge on other occasions and can vouch for the ability of this Lodge to confer Degrees and conduct the business affairs, and in Rt. Wor. Bro. Ross and Rt. Wor. Bro. A. B. Damude, Myrtle Lodge has two Brethren who will look well after the future. Rt. Wor. Bro. Chas. Ross was the very capable Master of Ceremonies, and extended a most cordial welcome to all, and at the close of the program gave a very complete sketch of the history of Myrtle Lodge since its institution, with many reminiscences of the early days, also of the members. I would suggest that R. W. Ross be appointed the Lodge historian, along with the duties he so ably discharges as Secretary.

Phoenix Lodge No. 535, Fonthill, Ont. My official visit to this Lodge was made on March the 29th, 1926. Being introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. B. Damude and V. Wor. Bro. F. H. Clark. A most cordial welcome was accorded me by the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. W. Baron and the Brethren. This is one of the younger Lodges of the District, and growing in popularity as well as in numbers and efficiency. As in many of my other sister Lodges, including Welland, Port Robinson, Wellandport, Merritton, Port Dalhousie and other places, giving ample evidence of the strong fraternal feeling throughout the District.

The work put on for my inspection was the Second Degree which was conferred in a faultless manner. In Wor. Bro. Baron the Lodge has a capable Master, and he is well supported by his wardens. The future of this Lodge looks very bright.

The duties of Secretary are performed by V. Wor. Bro. F. H. Clark, in a very satisfactory manner. He reports a satisfactory financial state.

Copetstone Lodge No. 373, Welland, Ont. My official visit to this Lodge was made on April 1, 1926. Though the weather was very unpleasant there was a very good attendance.

The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Third Degree, which was done to my entire satisfaction. Wor. Bro. Armour was ably assisted in the work by many of the Past Masters. The duties of Secretary are well discharged by (acting) Secretary, Bro. Alf. Tattersall, who reports this department in good order.

King Edward Lodge No. 471, Chippawa. This is the date upon which I made my official inspection. There was a good attendance of members and Past Masters, as well as a large number of visiting Brethren from Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Port Dalhousie, Buffalo, N.Y., and Tonawanda, N.Y. All officers were present.

The work of conferring the Third Degree was put on for my inspection by Wor. Bro. Rapleje and his officers in a most perfect manner. This Lodge has a well merited reputation for good work and unbounded hospitality, and this meeting impressed more firmly this fact upon all present. The work of the Wardens and all the junior officers was well conducted and gives assurance of a splendid future. Wor. Bro. Wm. Smeaton is the genial Secretary, who has the records in good order, and reports dues well paid.

I am glad to report that, at this meeting, the Lodge decided to purchase a Lodge Room and will soon own their own home.

Fort Erie Lodge No. 613, Fort Erie. I visited this Lodge on the 20th of April, 1926, Wor. Bro. W. F. Willson was on hand to introduce me to the Lodge. I received a most cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. A. E. Johnston, and a splendid gathering of members and visiting Brethren from Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Bridgeburg, Chippawa, Pt. Dalhousie and other places.

Wor. Bro. A. E. Johnston and his officers conferred the First Degree in a first class manner.

Though this is one of the younger Lodges, it is progressing very nicely and substantially, and in a home that is attractive and well appointed and with an indication of harmony and prosperity. It was my very great pleasure to present, on behalf of the Lodge, to Wor. Bro. Egan, a Past Master's Jewel, in recognition of long and efficient service to the Lodge and to the members. Wor. Bro. W. F. Willson is the efficient Secretary, who looks well after the business of the Lodge and reports a good condition in this department.

Ivy Lodge No. 115, Beamsville, Ont. My visit to Ivy Lodge was made on April 27th, 1926. I was accompanied by a goodly number of Brethren from my mother Lodge. There was an exceedingly large attendance of members and visitors.

The First Degree was exemplified for my inspection by Wor. Bro. Hipple and his officers in a most perfect and effective manner. V.W. Bro. Fairbrother is the genial and efficient Secretary, who has his books in good order and reports all is well. The future of this Lodge seems very bright.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 115, St. Catharines. On April the 29th, 1926, I made my official visit to Maple Leaf Lodge No. 115, St. Catharines. Notwithstanding the fact that it was a very rainy night, a goodly number of members and visiting Brethren were present.

I received a very cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. David Robson and the members. The work in the First Degree was exemplified, for my inspection, in a very impressive manner by Wor. Bro. Robson and his officers.

The junior officers have their work well prepared. The work of the Junior Warden is deserving of commendation. We all enjoyed the Final Charge, given by Wor. Bro. A. L. Jackson, one of the old school, and in his own natural manner. I had a

special pleasure in visiting this Lodge because of the fact that my mother Lodge, Seymour Lodge No. 277, Port Dalhousie, had its origin in this Lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Johnston has been the efficient Secretary of this Lodge for many years, and reports a very satisfactory condition of Masonry in Maple Leaf Lodge, and dues well paid.

Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg. On May the 4th, 1926, I paid my official visit to Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg, Ont. This meeting was well attended by members and visiting Brethren from the Lodges of the adjoining District, including Fort Erie, Ridgeway, Fonthill, Port Dalhousie, St. Catharines, as well as many visiting Brethren from Buffalo, N.Y. I was very glad to meet our friend from Buffalo, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. R. Young, P. D. of C. of the Grand Lodge of New York State, and other prominent Masons. A very cordial feeling is manifest among the Border Lodges and Brethren being present to assist in the dedication ceremonies.

Owing to the dedication ceremonies to follow my official inspection, work was confined to opening and closing the Lodge in the various Degrees, which was done to my entire satisfaction, and I have the assurance of Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Tait that the officers of Palmer Lodge are well qualified and that a good future is in sight.

V. Wor. Bro. N. Graham is the efficient Secretary, who has a complete set of books well kept, and to the entire satisfaction of the members.

The Lodge was called off at 8.30 p.m. and Grand Lodge having assembled for the purpose of dedication of the new rooms of Palmer Lodge, I had the honor of representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and assisted by many Wor. Brethren and Rt. Wor. Brethren, conducted the ceremonies of dedication in due form.

Dominion Lodge No. 615, Ridgeway, Ont. I visited this Lodge in my official capacity on May 6th, 1926. I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. R. C. Birrell, acting as District Secretary. There was a fine turnout of members and many visiting Brethren.

The First Degree was exemplified, for my inspection, by Wor. Bro. Brody and officers, in an impressive and faultless manner. This is one of the younger Lodges and is making very substantial progress in Masonry. Bro. I. M. Beeshy is a very capable Secretary, whose books are well kept, and no detail is overlooked. Bro. Beeshy delivered the charge from the B. of C. in a very impressive manner. The destinies of Dominion Lodge are in good hands.

McNab Lodge No. 169, Port Colborne, Ont.—My last stated official visitation was made to McNab Lodge No. 169, Port Colborne, Ont., on May the 11th, 1926. I was greeted by a very large turnout of members and visiting Brethren, filling the Lodge room to capacity. I received a very cordial welcome from Wor. Bro. H. P. Roe and the Brethren. Wor. Bro. H. P. Roe and his officers conferred with full musical ritual, on two candidates, the Second Degree in a very dignified and impressive manner, and to my entire satisfaction. This Lodge is doing splendid work, is very active and energetic, and can be depended upon, under the guidance of Wor. Bro. Roe and his Past Masters and officers, to maintain its splendid traditions. The Secretary, Bro. R. Taylor, has his books well kept and discharges his duties in a manner that is acceptable to all. I am glad to report that this Lodge is making preparations to acquire a home of their own.

In conclusion, permit me to say, that the condition of Masonry in Niagara Falls District is excellent. The true spirit of brotherhood prevails in all the Lodges, and at all the meetings the Brethren display a general attitude of dignity and decorum in the transaction of Lodge business, and in the con-

ferring of Degrees. All Lodge property is well insured. There is a growing tendency towards personal and inter-Lodge visits, and the effect is manifest in a warmer fraternal feeling among the Brethren, each and every meeting I attended, had many visiting Brethren present. I have visited all the Lodges of the District, some of them on more than one occasion, and have been shown the utmost courtesy. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all my Rt. Wor. Brethren and to the Past Masters, who so ably assisted me and made my term of office one of profit and pleasure. I can assure them I will always feel indebted to them and I will not forget the delightful hours spent with my brother Masons in their Lodge rooms, and the many kindnesses extended to me during the year.

I cannot close without a word of thanks to the members of my mother Lodge who accompanied me on all my visitations, and turning a seemingly arduous duty into one of pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

T. O. JOHNSTON, D.D.G.M.,
Niagara District.

NIPISSING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the Masonic activities and the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District for the year now ending.

It has been a highly valued privilege to have had the opportunity of serving this District in the office of District Deputy during the past year, and the honor has been fully appreciated by myself and also by the members of the Lodge which I represent. I wish to take this opportunity of again tendering my thanks to the Brethren who conferred this honor upon me, and also to express my appreciation of the unfailing courtesy and the loyal support I received in every part of the District during the discharge of my duties throughout the year. I am particularly grateful to a number of Brethren for invaluable advice and practical assistance rendered in many ways, and assure them that their kindness will be long remembered.

One of my first official acts was to appoint Bro. (Rev.) W. T. Prittie as District Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. C. G. Ade as District Secretary. The help and co-operation of these Brethren was much appreciated, and I am especially indebted to the District Secretary for his assistance.

The Grand Master's Visit

Early in September, 1925, the District was honored by a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and I count it an especial privilege that I was able to be present at the meetings of the three Lodges which he visited. On Monday evening, September

7th, Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury, held an emergent meeting to receive M.W. Bro. Rowland, who was passing through Sudbury on his way to Sault Ste. Marie, where his presence had been secured to participate in two important Masonic events. The first of these was the Constituting and Consecrating of Hatherly Lodge No. 625, on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 8th, followed by a banquet in the evening; the other being the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the formation of Keystone Lodge No. 412, on the evening of Wednesday, September 9th.

While in Sudbury, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, who accompanied him, held a conference with representatives of Lorne Lodge No. 622, Chapleau, concerning certain irregularities which had inadvertently occurred at the previous annual election of officers.

At the meeting of Nickel Lodge there was an excellent turn-out of members to welcome the Grand Master, and many visitors from the neighboring Lodges at Copper Cliff and Capreol were also present.

An unusually large attendance marked the several functions at Sault Ste. Marie, and the capacity of the beautiful and spacious quarters of the Lodges there was taxed to the utmost. The constituting and consecrating of Hatherly Lodge was conducted by the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Logan, and V.W. Bro. John Pearson, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, as well as by a number of Past D.D.G.M.'s. The ceremony was carried through with most impressive effect. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a group photograph of the officers of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge officers was taken on the Court House grounds in front of Sault Ste. Marie's monument to the memory of her soldiers who fell in the Great War. On this monument is inscribed the verse written, at the request of Bro. J. W. Curran, of the Sault Star, especially for this purpose by our world-famous Brother, Rudyard Kipling:

"From little towns in a far land we came,
To save our honour and a world aflame.
By little towns in a far land we sleep,
And trust those things we won to you to keep."

Hatherly Lodge is named after Lieutenant John Hatherly Way, the eldest son of our esteemed R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, who was killed in action, August 27th, 1918, near Arras, France, while leading his men against a strong enemy position.

The fortieth anniversary of Keystone Lodge was celebration on the evening of September 9th, in a manner befitting the long and honourable career of this Lodge. Members and visitors to the number of about 250 were present to do honour to the occasion, the presence of the Grand Master adding greatly to the interest and pleasure of the evening.

During the short visit to the District, M.W. Bro. Rowland won for himself a secure place in the regard of all those with whom he came in contact or who had the opportunity of hearing him speak. The Grand Secretary is no stranger among us and we were glad to welcome him again to our midst and enjoy once more his inimitable fund of stories and his forceful remarks.

Division of the District

The question of the advisability of recommending a division of Nipissing District into two new Districts has come up for discussion in each of the Lodges during the year. A committee consisting of R.W. Bros. Joseph Fowler of Nickel Lodge, Jas. A. Smith of Nipissing Lodge and J. B. Way of Keystone Lodge, the first named acting as chairman, was appointed to obtain a consensus of opinion on the matter, with the intention of bringing it up for further consideration at the District meeting this year. There are now seventeen Lodges in the District, and, while this number is not excessive, they are scattered over a very wide territory. As an in-

dication of the distances to be covered, I may state that in the course of my official visits, I have travelled over 3,200 miles, and have been absent from my regular daily occupation for 19½ days.

General

Masonry in Nipissing District has made steady and satisfactory progress throughout the year. Nothing has occurred to mar the harmony that had previously existed. As is only to be expected, the quality of the work varies in different Lodges, but in all it is good, and, what is of much greater importance, the true spirit of Masonry is in evidence in every lodge. I have everywhere urged the officers not to be too easily satisfied but to make constant endeavor to add to the dignity and perfection of the ceremonies. I have also encouraged educational lines, and in this connection I am pleased to record that lectures on Masonic subjects have been given at several Lodges of the District by Bro. Harry Linney of Bracebridge, and Rev. Bro. G. R. Masguire of Montreal.

The business affairs of the various Lodges were found to be in uniformly good condition. The books are well kept, and in the case of some of the larger Lodges, the system adopted is particularly commendable. In a great many cases the office of Secretary is filled by a Past Master, a practice much to be commended. The amount of outstanding dues is in no case unduly large. Lodge property is well protected by adequate insurance. A few of the Lodges already own their own buildings, and several others are now planning to erect suitable quarters for their meetings.

Institution of Hornepayne Lodge

A dispensation for a new Lodge at Hornepayne was issued in November, 1925, and arrangements were made for the institution to take place on June 17th, 1926. On that date, accompanied by V.W. Bro. E. H. Barnes, of Keystone Lodge, W. Bro. W. J. Hambley of

Algonquin Lodge, and a number of Brethren from National Lodge, I went to Hornepayne and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. D. H. Currie, R.W. Bro. J. S. Cordingly and the other Brethren mentioned, instituted the new Lodge in the prescribed manner. There was an attendance of 62 members and visitors. The officers are most capable and enthusiastic and are to be congratulated on the successful culmination of their efforts, which had been carried on since early in March, 1922, to establish this Lodge. The building in which they meet is owned by the Brethren, and is fitted with all necessary furniture and regalia for carrying on the work. A Lodge in this distant part of the District will meet a much felt want on the part of the Masons resident at Hornepayne and in the vicinity, and the prospects for its future prosperity are excellent. Hornepayne is a divisional point on the Canadian National Railway, and is situated over 300 miles north-west of Sudbury. Its present population is about 900. The first Master, W. Bro. Thos. H. Butters, is a veteran Mason, while his Wardens, Bro. E. V. Tansley and Bro. G. L. Thompson, and the other junior officers are full of enthusiasm and energy. Dr. G. L. Dollar is proving a most efficient Secretary.

Official Visits

On November 23rd, I visited Nipissing Lodge No. 22, North Bay. This flourishing town attained the dignity of becoming a city last August. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Alford in a pleasing little address and welcomed in a manner equally felicitous by Wor. Bro. Archie Freeman, the sitting Master. The work of the evening was the conferring the First Degree on a candidate of unusual physical proportions, who is a guardian of law and order for the Canadian Pacific Railway. The ceremony was performed in a manner that it would be difficult to improve upon and the conduct of the meeting throughout was of the highest order. The attendance was large and the reception accorded me was most cordial.

At the close of the meeting the Brethren adjourned to the basement of the Anglican Church, where a most delightful banquet awaited them. Among the features of this part of the evening's programme was the presentation of a clock to Wor. Bro. McNally, who was about to leave North Bay to take up his residence in Toronto. Also, on behalf of the Temple committee, W. Bro. J. C. Ross outlined the plans under consideration for the construction of a Masonic Temple in North Bay, and submitted alternative sketches showing the general character of the proposed building.

The financial affairs of Nipissing Lodge are in a flourishing condition, and the Secretary's duties are ably looked after by V.W. Bro. B. F. Nott.

On the following evening, November 24th, I visited Mattawa Lodge No. 405, Mattawa. This is the oldest Lodge in the District, and has a most interesting history which is preserved in printed form in the latest edition of the Lodge by-laws. Of recent years, Mattawa Lodge has been experiencing a period of depression, owing to scarcity of suitable material for membership in their community, the population being about 95% French Catholic, but the officers are facing the situation with courage and optimism, and are confident of their ability to carry on. At the time of my visit, there were no unpaid dues outstanding, and the income, even without any revenue from initiations, is sufficient to meet all operating expenses. The Lodge quarters are commodious and well furnished, and the rental is very moderate. On the night of my visit no Degree work was available for inspection, but the officers demonstrated their familiarity with the work in the opening and closing ceremonies. The total attendance was only twelve but we spent an interesting evening and had a very enjoyable time at the refreshment board, which was laden with abundance of good things. The sitting Master, W. Bro. A. I. Tongue, is the son of the I.P.M. who was one of the charter members of the Lodge.

I visited Algoma Lodge No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie, on the evening of February 1st. About 130 Brethren were assembled for the occasion. Supper was served at 6.45 p.m., and the Lodge was opened immediately after the refreshments were disposed of and a short programme concluded. R.W. Bro. H. J. Moorhouse made the introduction in the Lodge room. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the First Degree, which was conferred by W. Bro. E. J. Kahle and his officers in an excellent manner. He was also well supported by the Past Masters of the Lodge. W. Bro. Hopper gave the charge from the book of Constitution in a manner that would be difficult to excel. The books of the Secretary, Wor. Bro. Rubenstein, are a model of convenience and completeness, and the Lodge is in a flourishing condition. The Brethren of Sault Ste. Marie have the construction of a building for the various Masonic bodies now under consideration.

On the evening of February 2nd, I made my official visit to Dymont Lodge No. 442, Thessalon. I was introduced to the Brethren by R.W. Bro. R. C. Dobie, who filled the office of D.D.G.M. last year. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Third Degree, and although this was the first meeting since his installation, the W.M. Wor. Bro. J. O. Coulter exemplified it in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. Dymont Lodge is fortunate in having a faithful band of Past Masters who still retain an active interest in its affairs and are always ready to share in the work. The books are in good order and the financial statement shows a comfortable balance on hand. As this Lodge suffered from a fire a few years ago, it is now, as might be expected, well protected by insurance. I am indebted to Wor. Bro. Coulter for holding this meeting to suit my convenience, so soon after he assumed office, and on a night of the week other than the regular meeting night.

My visit to Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447, Sturgeon Falls; was made on the evening of February

11th. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. B. Bain, whom I had known many years ago when we had occupied the respective positions of teacher and pupil, and whom I had not seen in the interval. For me, this link with former days gave added interest to the meeting. Wor. Bro. Gardner and his officers exemplified the First Degree. The candidate is a member of the teaching profession, of which there was a generous representation at the meeting, one of them, Bro. Gilbert, being a former associate of M.W. Bro. Drope. The work of the officers appeared to be affected by the strain, incident to the visit of the D.D.G.M. and was not up to the standard of which I am sure they are capable. The criticisms which I offered, I endeavored to make constructive, and I believe they were accepted in the spirit in which they were given. The building in which the meetings are held is owned by the Brethren, and when some alterations, now in contemplation, are made, their quarters will be most attractive and convenient. Insurance to the amount of \$7,000.00 is carried on the building and contents. The Secretary, Bro. Evans, has the books in good order.

Algonquin Lodge No. 536, Copper Cliff, was visited in my official capacity on the regular meeting night, February 16th. This is my home Lodge and the warmth of the reception accorded me was very pleasing. The introduction was made by the D. of C. Bro. J. C. Chalmers and Wor. Bro. C. G. Ade, who is acting as District Secretary this year. Wor. Bro. Abell and his officers, assisted by the Past Masters, conferred the Third Degree. All the Past Masters who still reside in Copper Cliff are faithful attendants, and it is seldom, indeed, that any one of them is absent from the meetings. The Degree was put on in a very creditable manner. In the course of my remarks after the ceremony, I urged the officers not to be content merely to do the work well, but to endeavour constantly to do it better. W. Bro. Hambley has assumed the duties of Secretary this year, the first time that a Past Master has filled that office in this Lodge. The books are in good shape and the finances satisfactory. There has been a healthy

growth in numbers, and the prospects for the future are good.

Penewobikong Lodge No. 487, located at Blind River, was visited on Monday evening, March 1st. There was an attendance of about 30. Wor. Bro. Christilaw introduced me to the Brethren. There was no Degree work for my inspection, but Wor. Bro. McLean opened the Lodge in all Three Degrees, and the officers showed a satisfactory knowledge of the work. A number of questions regarding the carrying on of the ceremonies were brought up and the meeting proved to be both interesting and instructive. Particular attention was given to the wording of the obligations. The officers displayed a laudible desire to improve their work, and the Past Masters may be depended on to assist in maintaining the standards. The D. of C., Wor. Bro. Timmermans, especially, will, I am sure, be found doing his duty in that respect.

The town of Blind River has practically ceased to grow and suitable material for new membership is not very plentiful, but the Lodge is in a sound condition, and the future can be faced with confidence. The amount of outstanding dues is only \$70.00. Insurance to the limit obtainable is carried on the furnishings. The Lodge has a small library which includes the Grand Lodge reports complete, from 1908, the year of institution. This Lodge also has a Past Master as Secretary, in the person of Wor. Bro. G. J. McArthur, and the various records were found to be well kept.

On the following evening, March 2nd, I was present officially at the regular meeting of Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. R. H. Knight and W. A. Simpson. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Third Degree on a splendid type of candidate. The ceremonies were performed by Wor. Bro. Allen and his officers and Past Masters, with an impressiveness and a thoroughness of detail which made it an especial pleasure to witness. The manner in which the

musical part of the ceremony was handled was particularly effective. Keystone is the largest Lodge in the District, with a reputation for the excellence of its work, and the standard was well sustained. This Lodge, as do a number of others in the District, requires its candidates to pass an examination on the work of the Third Degree before presenting them with the apron, and at this meeting an exceedingly well posted candidate, Bro. McCauley, underwent his examination and was presented with his apron by Wor. Bro. Later, who made a real ceremony of it.

Here again the Secretary's duties are in the hands of an experienced Past Master, Wor. Bro. E. M. Shaw, and it would be difficult to conceive of any improvement on the system employed. Financially, this Lodge shows a large balance on the credit side of its books. The investment of the surplus funds is in the hands of a strong committee.

On the evening of April 7th, I attended the regular meeting of Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury, in my official capacity. This is my mother Lodge, and I esteemed it an especial honour to have the privilege of visiting it as the representative of Grand Lodge. The members turned out in goodly numbers for the occasion. These three Lodges are all off-shoots from Nickel Lodge, as is also National Lodge at Capreol. They are capably maintaining the standards set for them by their Masonic parent, and reflect credit on her by the excellence of their work.

V.W. Bro. Jas. A. Orr and W. Bro. J. G. Lowe introduced me in the Lodge room. I had the opportunity of being present during the transaction of most of the business of the meeting, and found it to be carried through with promptness and despatch. The Secretary, R.W. Bro. Joseph Fowler is a tower of strength to Nickel Lodge in this respect as well as in many other ways. His books are a model of neatness and are kept up to the minute.

The work of the evening consisted of the conferring of the First Degree. W. Bro. H. M. Topping-

ton and his officers performed the ceremony in a manner quite up to the usual standard of Nickel Lodge. W. Bro. Torrington has a large number of skilled Past Masters who keep a critical eye on his work, and who would quickly check any falling off in its quality. He is to be congratulated on having so many of these Brethren still regular attendants and he is also to be congratulated on the ability he displays in pressing them into service and having them demonstrate for his instruction just how the ceremonies should be rendered.

Nickel Lodge is in a prosperous condition and, like Nipissing and Keystone Lodges, is considering the advisability of erecting a building of its own to meet the requirements of its growing membership.

My visit to North Bay Lodge No. 617, North Bay, was made on the evening of April 9th, the regular meeting night. I was introduced to the Brethren by W. Bro. John Jago and R.W. Bro. Jas. A. Smith. The First Degree was conferred on an excellent candidate by W. Bro. J. E. Gardiner and his officers. This Lodge is only three years old, but the quality of the work would have done credit to a Lodge of much longer standing. It has as yet only two Past Masters, both of whom were present and assisted in the work in a most pleasing and efficient manner. As the night of the meeting fell on the anniversary of Vimy Ridge, the Lodge room was suitably decorated with flags in honor of the occasion, and the W.M. made fitting reference to those who had taken part in that engagement. North Bay Lodge is doing good work, and its prospects for the future are excellent.

On Saturday, May 1st, accompanied by six members of my home Lodge, I motored to Espanola, a distance of about 40 miles, to pay my official visit to Espanola Lodge No. 527. The W.M. of this Lodge, W. Bro. John Dean, has recently been appointed to another position, which has necessitated his removing from Espanola, and during his absence his duties are

being ably looked after by R.W. Bro. Dibblee, who occupied the Master's chair on this occasion. I was presented to the Brethren by V.W. Bro. Shields, after which the Third Degree was exemplified in a commendable and dignified manner. The absence of music, however, was noticeable, and its use would have added much to the impressiveness of the ceremonies. The lighting effects were original and are worthy of mention. The attendance was about thirty-five.

After the Lodge was closed, we repaired to the banquet room, where the balance of the evening was spent in the best of good-fellowship. The proceedings were brought to a close shortly before 12.00 o'clock.

The Lodge quarters, which are owned by the Espanola Brethren, are commodious and well laid out, and should serve the requirements of this community indefinitely. The financial condition is sound and the prospects for the future are good.

Another motor trip, this time of about 27 miles, was made on the evening of May 4th, to Capreol, where I visited National Lodge No. 588. This was a regular meeting night, and as I was received immediately after the Lodge was opened, I had the opportunity of being present during the business part of the proceedings. On this occasion, nine members from Lodge accompanied me. I was introduced by W. Bros. Lomas and Ellis, and received a cordial welcome from W. Bro. J. H. Healey, the sitting Master, and the rest of the Brethren.

The business was disposed of in a manner deserving of the highest praise. Even the signing of the minutes was attended to without delay. The Secretary, Bro. Hembruff, has everything under his care in good order, and the books show a comfortable cash balance on hand. The Brethren here, also, own the building in which the Lodge meets, although it is not yet free from debt. The ground floor was formerly used as a store, but is now made use of for a banquetting room.

After the completion of the business of the evening, W. Bro. Healey and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in a highly creditable manner. The officers of this Lodge have set themselves a high standard, and are keeping up to it. The musical numbers introduced during the ceremony added much to the effect.

A feature of every refreshment hour at this Lodge is a short address by some brother, either on a Masonic subject or on a subject of general interest. Other Lodges might well consider the advisability of adopting this practice, especially as regards subjects of a Masonic nature. On this occasion Bro. Reid gave an account of a motor trip from Capreol to Detroit and return.

The attendance was over fifty, which speaks well for the interest taken in Masonry in Capreol, which is a town of only about 1,800 people. A prosperous future seems assured for National Lodge. I was pleased to note that the nucleus of a Masonic library had been formed.

My visits to the two Lodges on Manitoulin Island were made on successive days, May 26th and May 27th.

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 was visited first. The little town of Gore Bay, which gives its name to the Lodge, is picturesquely situated on a deep inlet in the North Channel. It does not yet boast of a railway connection, but, while navigation is open, it is conveniently reached by boat from Cutler, on the "Soo" branch of the C.P.R. During my stay in Gore Bay, I was well looked after by Bro. Dr. Hinds.

V.W. Bro. R. Robinson introduced me to the Brethren. There was no work available, but W. Bro. Turner and his officers and Past Masters exemplified the Second Degree on one of the Brethren who volunteered to act as candidate. The Lodge was also opened in the Third Degree, and the officers showed themselves to be thoroughly proficient and capable of carrying out the work in the prescribed manner. This

Lodge owes much to its Past Masters. The Lodge room, while not large, is exceedingly comfortable and well furnished, and the rental is very low for such excellent quarters. Growth is not rapid, but the financial condition is sound. Bro. Davis has the books in good order. The attendance on the evening of my visit was about 30.

On the following day, May 27th, I was taken by motor to Little Current, a distance of about 41 miles, over a splendid road. At the meeting of Doric Lodge No. 455, held there that evening, I was introduced by V.W. Bro. Parkes and welcomed by the Wor. Master, W. Bro. O. T. Bennett. The Third Degree was conferred in a most satisfactory manner. Most of the P.M.'s of this Lodge are no longer residents of Little Current, but the few who are left are keeping up the standards. The Lodge room is unusually commodious and was spotlessly clean. Only three candidates were accepted into the Lodge during the past year, but expenses are kept low and the finances are adequate. Bro. (Rev.) L. Halfyard is performing the duties of Secretary and all the records are in good order. The attendance was 23.

My visit to Hatherly Lodge No. 625, Sault Ste Marie, was made at an emergent meeting held on Saturday, June 5th. It is the regular custom at this Lodge for the Brethren to meet for supper at 6.30 p.m., and on this occasion the usual procedure was adhered to. The practice has much to commend it. Among other things, it enables the Brethren to disperse at an earlier hour than if the refreshments followed the Lodge meeting. The addresses, and the entertainment provided, followed immediately after the supper. W. Bro. Canon Allman of Gravenhurst, who was present as a visitor, gave an address that was much appreciated. Mr. W. J. Colebrook rendered two solos and Bro. Lou Chapman, the "Youngest Old Mason" of the Lodge, also gave one of his characteristic numbers. The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. S. Worth.

After the Lodge had been opened, I was presented to the Worshipful Master and Brethren by R.W. Bros. J. B. Way and W. J. Thompson, and was accorded a warm welcome. The work of the evening was the conferring of the First Degree and the ceremonies were performed in an impressive and almost faultless manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony the candidate was introduced personally to each brother present by the Director of Ceremonies.

Though this is a new Lodge, its organization has been in the hands of capable and experienced Masons, and they have set themselves a high standard along distinctive lines. Their future progress will be watched with interest.

The last official visit of my year was paid at Lorne Lodge No. 622, Chapleau, on Saturday evening, June 12th. The date of my visit happened to coincide with "Circus Day" at Chapleau, and several of the Brethren were unable to be present at the meeting. There was, however, an attendance of about 30, which, for a town of 2,500 population and situated as it is about 70 miles from its nearest Masonic neighbor, gives no cause for complaint. The meeting was held on a Saturday evening for my convenience, and I am indebted to W. Bro. Vandrick for thus enabling me to visit his Lodge with a minimum of time lost from my employment.

Wor. Bro. D. C. Wilson, the I.P.M., and Bro. Lyness, the D. of C., introduced me in the Lodge room and I received a hearty welcome from the Brethren. A First Degree had been planned for the evening, but the candidate was unable to be present owing to illness. With one of the Brethren, however, acting as substitute for the candidate, the Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Vandrick and his officers for my inspection. It gave me great pleasure to be able to congratulate them sincerely on the high quality of their work. The Lodge room here is one of the best appointed in the district, and must be an inspiration to the Brethren to put on the ceremonies in a manner in harmony with the environment. Every convenience

is provided, both in the Lodge room and in the ante-rooms, and they are of ample size for all requirements, but the members are ambitious to enlarge their quarters by the addition of another available room, which could be used for a recreation room, library, etc.

At the banquet, which followed the work in the Lodge room, the toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. G. B. Nicholson, who was the first candidate to be accepted in Lorne Lodge, which is named in memory of his son, killed in the Great War.

Although the charter for this Lodge was only granted two years ago, and the membership is only about 82, the Lodge is entirely out of debt, and the prospects for future growth and prosperity are unusually bright. Bro. Searle, who fills the office of Secretary, has all the records kept in the most approved manner.

I had hoped to make a second visit to Hornepayne before the end of my term of office, but as I found myself unable to do so, I asked R.W. Bro. D. H. Currie, P.D.D.G.M., who is an affiliated member of this Lodge, to visit it as my representative. This he was kind enough to do at the meeting held on June 7th, and the following is the report which he made to me:—"There were 36 members present at the meeting. The work consisted of two initiations and one passing. Also a brother who had been raised at a previous meeting was examined and passed a most creditable examination, after which he was presented with a M.M. apron. The work done throughout by the Master, Wardens and Floor Officers was such as would have brought credit to an old established Lodge, and it was demonstrated that each one had given careful attention to getting up his portion of the work, and then exemplifying it. In the particular situation in which this Lodge is placed the greater portion of its membership is bound to be composed of men engaged in the railway service, thus lacking the permanency of residence that makes for stability, but so far great care appears to have been exercised in the acceptance of applicants."

In bringing this report to a close, I wish to say that my year in office has given me an education in Masonry and a wealth of happy experiences that I value more than I can find words to express. The courtesies received, the good-fellowship found everywhere, and the banquets and entertainments provided so generously, will remain long in my memory, and, while at times the work seemed heavy, there has been ample compensation for all the time and effort expended. One of my chief regrets is that the close associations of the year can never be renewed, but in the coming years I shall hope to meet, at intervals not too infrequent, many of those with whom I came in contact during my term as D.D.G.M. of Nipissing District.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. RAWLINS, D.D.G.M.,
Nipissing District.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report on the conditions of Masonry in this District. I wish to thank the Brethren of the District for the honor conferred on me in electing me to the high and important office of D.D.G.M., and also wish to express my appreciation to the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodges throughout this District for the hearty welcome extended to me on my official visits. My first official act was to appoint Right W. Bro. M. J. MacPherson of Northern Light Lodge District Secretary, and to him must be given the credit of the very successful Lodge of Instruction held in Kincardine on May 28th. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, John A. Rowland, was present, and in his inspiring address endeared himself to every Mason present. And it can be truthfully said that no man could receive a more cordial welcome than did the Most Worshipful the Grand Master from the three hundred brethren assembled in Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was accompanied to this District by Very Worshipful J. H. Spence of Toronto, whose able address was well received by the Brethren present. At this Lodge of Instruction the three Degrees were exemplified by Old Light Lodge No. 184, Lucknow; Bruce Lodge No. 341, Tiverton, and Bernard Lodge No. 225, Listowel. W. Bro. John R. McKay of Northern Light Lodge opened the Lodge and welcomed the Brethren to Kincardine and, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the Brethren for coming out to do honor to our distinguished guest, Most Worshipful John A. Rowland. He then requested me, as D.D.G.M., to **take charge** of the meeting. I at once called on Old Light Lodge

to exemplify the E.A. Degree, which they did in a faultless manner, with W. Bro. Brown as Master, W. McNair, S.W., G. Atcheson, J.W., Fred Stanley, S.D., Dr. W. V. Johnston, J.D., R. McKenzie, Sec., W. W. Hill, Treas., F. Todd, I.G., Rev. J. H. James, Chap., C. Decker, O.G., and Past D.D.G.M. D. Patterson ably delivering the concluding charge. Rt. W. Bro. S. Wilson acted as critic, but could find no fault, and congratulated the W.M. and officers of Old Light Lodge for the excellent manner in which the work was done. Bruce Lodge No. 341 then opened the Lodge in Second Degree and exemplified the F.C. Degree, W. Bro. W. Kirkonnell in the East, N. Grunder, S.W., D. B. McDonald, J.W., George McArthur, S.D., Bert Preston, J.D., N. McDonald, J.S., A. Bell, S.C., Wm. Campbell, I.G., H. E. Steincamp, Tyler, and W. Bro. Wm. Grunder giving the concluding charge. Rt. W. Bro. Watson of Listowel, who was appointed to criticize this Degree, had nothing to offer but the loudest praise for the manner in which this Degree was conferred, and congratulated the candidate, Bro. Archie Brown, on the perfect wording of his work.

The Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree by W. Bro. Stanley Coghlin of Bernard Lodge No. 225, assisted by W. Bro. Stewart, W. Johnson, S.W., John Spence, J.W., Tom Faulkner, S.D., Percy Fatnin, J.D., Rev. J. M. Nichol, Chaplain, P. C. Smith, S.S., C. Johnson, J.S., J. Hill, I.G., H. Sargeant, Tyler. At this stage of the meeting the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. John A. Rowland, was announced and introduced by V.W. Bro. E. Miller and Rt. W. Bro. M. J. MacPherson, and received with grand honors and extended a warm welcome to North Huron District. After a few words of appreciation by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, he asked W. Bro. Coughlin of Bernard Lodge to resume the chair and proceed with the work of the M.M. Degree, which was done to the entire satisfaction of Rt. W. Bro. Fowler of Teeswater Lodge, who was appointed critic for this Degree.

The Lodge was then closed down in the Three Degrees and the Brethren retired to the banquet hall,

where a wonderful dinner was served by the Ladies' Hospital Aid and where we were treated by able addresses by the Grand Master, W.B. Bruce, W.B. F. E. Combe, W.B. James Malcolm, V.W. Bro. J. H. Spence, Toronto, W.B. J. J. Hunter, Rev. Bro. Gallagher, Port Elgin, and W. B. Boss of Walkerton.

On Friday, Nov. 15th, accompanied by W. Bro. Wm. Grunder of Bruce Lodge, I paid my official visit to Blair Lodge No. 314, Palmerton, and had the pleasure of hearing W. Bro. N. McLaughlin put on the First Degree in a very impressive manner. Every officer is well up in the work and the Lodge is in a healthy condition.

On Feb. 22nd, I visited Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroketter, and had a very enjoyable evening. The E.A. Degree was well put on by the Master, W. Bro. John McCutcheon, and the Secretary's books are in excellent shape, the dues all being paid for the year but two members, which is very creditable for the Lodge at that time of the year.

Feb. 23rd, I visited Hullet Lodge No. 568, Londesboro, which is the youngest Lodge in the District. The Master, W. Bro. Townsend, conferred the First Degree in an excellent manner and all the officers doing their work in a like manner. The Secretary's books are exceptionally neat and well kept. I advised the Lodge to live within their means for another year, when they will be then free of debt. This Lodge is composed of young men, mostly from the farm and, while it may never be as large in numbers as some of the other Lodges in the District, it is now and I believe will continue to be a Lodge that the whole District will be proud of.

Feb. 25th, I paid my official visit to Bernard Lodge No. 225, Listowel, where the First Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Coghlin in a very pleasing manner, showing that he was master of the work, and, after the work was done in this Degree, the Lodge was opened in Second and Third Degrees, then closed by

the Master, proving that he was well-posted in all the work.

May 21st. My visit to Fordwich Lodge No. 331 on this date. I was cordially introduced by I.P.M. Bro. G. Jefferson and his Brother W. Master of the Lodge, assisted by his efficient officers, put on the First Degree in an able manner to the satisfaction of myself and the visiting Brethren from Palmerston, Wingham and Brussels. After short addresses on Masonry were given by the visiting Brethren, all feeling that a profitable evening had been spent, the Lodge was closed, and all enjoyed the Fourth Degree provided by the ladies.

On May 17th, I visited St. John's Lodge No. 284, Brussels and had a very pleasant night. There being no candidate in readiness, the Lodge was opened and closed in the Three Degrees, and the manner in which it was done convinced me that the Master was well skilled and could put on all the Degrees if called on to do so. The Secretary-Treasurer, W. Bro. Gillespie, has his books in excellent condition, and is very punctual and a good instructor of Masonry in the Lodge room.

May 18th, I visited Blythe Lodge No. 303, Blythe, and had the pleasure of seeing W. Bro. Snell confer the Third Degree in an able manner. He was assisted by P.M. Bro. Scott. The opening and closing in the different Degrees, as well as the work of the M.M. Degree, was well done and received the praise of the visiting Brethren from Tiverton, Wingham, Brussels, Londesboro, London and Toronto, who received a very warm welcome from the Brethren of Blythe Lodge and a cordial invitation to visit them on any occasion.

June 10th, I visited Teeswater Lodge No. 276, Teeswater, and was introduced by Rt. W. Bro. Dr. Fowler and Rt. W. Bro. Job of Wingham Lodge, and had the pleasure of witnessing W. Bro. S. E. Jeffrey put on the Second Degree in a manner that was a credit to himself and to the Lodge as a whole. He was

ably assisted by every officer who had their work up perfectly, and who received my hearty appreciation in the way the work of the evening was done, and the congratulations of the visiting Brethren from within the District, also from Brethren outside the District, who received a warm welcome from Teeswater Brethren.

June 11th. It was my pleasure to visit Wingham Lodge No. 286. Wingham, and see W. Bro. Beecroft and his able staff of officers exemplify the Second Degree in such an efficient manner. I am sure no place could the work be better done, and the true spirit of Masonry which was displayed by the Brethren of Wingham Lodge could not be excelled by any Masonic Lodge.

There was a large attendance of visiting Brethren from Brussels, Blythe, Londesboro, Goderich, and Rt. W. Bro. F. A. Coupos of Stratford, who gave an able address and who received a cordial invitation from the Lodge to come back and address them on some future occasion.

June 22nd. I made my official visit to Bruce Lodge No. 341, Tiverton, my mother Lodge, and must say that I was very much pleased with the way the Third Degree was exemplified. The W.M. Bro. Kirconnell, assisted by Past Masters W. Bro. McKinnon and W. Bro. Grunder and the rest of the officers, surely did credit to themselves and the Lodge, and no where could improvement be asked for. The Lodge is in a very sound, healthy condition.

And as I have the privilege of recommending to Grand Lodge the name of a brother to be appointed a member of Grand Lodge, it will be a pleasure to me to recommend Mr. Wm. Grunder of Bruce Lodge, as I know him to be well skilled and a lover of the whole Craft and a brother who is worthy of the honor.

June 23. I visited Northern Light Lodge (Kin-cardine), where the First Degree was exemplified by

W.M. Bro. McKay and his officers. I will mention here that Very W. Bro. Miller, the oldest Mason in North Huron District, very ably assisted with the work. Northern Light Lodge is noted for its efficiency, and on this occasion lived up to its past record. The Junior Warden's lecture, given by Bro. Mooney, J.W., was given in the most impressive manner in which I ever heard it delivered, and I am satisfied there is no Lodge in Ontario where there are more members who are thoroughly conversant with the whole work.

June 24th. By request of Old Light Lodge (Lucknow), I made my official visit to this Lodge when the Third Degree was exemplified by the Past Masters in a very able and satisfactory manner. W.M. Brown opened and closed the Lodge in the three Degrees, and it was an evening of great interest to me, and this Lodge is to be highly congratulated upon its attendance and good work. Rt. W. Bro. Fowler of Teeswater Lodge very kindly favored us with his presence and expressed his satisfaction of the work done, and a vote of appreciation was tendered to the J.W., Bro. Atkinson, who presented two beautiful pillars to the Lodge, which were accepted by W. Bro. McIntosh in a very neat, well-worded address, who also expressed his regrets that Rt. W. Bro. Patterson was ill and not able to be present to perform that duty.

In conclusion, let me again thank all the Brethren throughout the District for the privilege I have had and the friendships I have found in endeavoring to serve you as District Deputy Grand Master. It has been a year of great happiness to me. I have received so many courtesies and kindly attentions that I am unable to adequately express my appreciation, and highly commend the Brethren of the different Lodges for the true spirit of Masonry which was so noticeably displayed at every meeting that I attended in the District.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. P. MEWHINNEY, D.D.G.M.,
North Huron District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry throughout Ontario District during the past year.

The honor conferred upon me by the Brethren of this District in electing me as their D.D.G.M. is hereby again gratefully acknowledged. Their many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me on the occasion of my official visits have been appreciated more than words can express.

Particularly do I wish to thank my District Secretary, W. Bro. R. F. Bennett, Past Master of Lebannon Lodge, Oshawa. He accompanied me on every visit throughout the District, and I cannot speak too highly of the splendid service and support rendered by him at all times during my year of office. The messages he delivered to the various Lodges have been a great source of inspiration.

Bro. (Rev. Dr.) H. S. Dougall, as District Chaplain, has rendered faithful service, and I am indebted also to the P.D.D.G.M.'s, P.M.'s and members of the various Lodges who have helped to make my term of office both pleasant and profitable.

I have endeavored to lay stress on the many advantages to be gained by fraternal visits throughout the District, which is so admirably served by fine Provincial Highways. To encourage such visits, it was my privilege to present a Travelling Square to my Mother Lodge, Lebannon No. 139, to be kept in circulation under conditions which I hope will bring the Lodges of the entire District much closer together. It has also been my pleasure to suggest the formation

of Masonic libraries in the various Lodges for the enlightenment of the Brethren and to encourage fruitful discussion within the Lodges in which any of the Brethren may take part. I have also urged the very careful selection of candidates.

Most Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland, the Grand Master, has visited the Lodges at Port Hope and Whitby, and in consideration of the very many demands made upon his time, it was decided to defer the District meeting which had been originally planned, until next year, when it is hoped that we may be privileged to welcome him and to receive guidance and instruction.

A flourishing Past Masters' Association is functioning in Ontario District, the annual meeting having been held in Oshawa at the Collegiate Auditorium last fall. Bro. (Rev.) Gabriel Maguire, late of Montreal, delivered an enlightening and inspiring address on certain phases of Masonry, and his visit was greatly enjoyed. Rt. Wor. Bro. E. J. Wormington was elected President at that meeting, to which all Masons of the District had been invited.

I regret to report that circumstances made it advisable for me to move to Montreal just at the close of the calendar year 1925. This has made it more difficult for me to keep closely in touch with the Masonic life of the District, but the Lodges have been most kind in arranging dates for official visits, which fact has made it possible for me to visit all of the Lodges with the exception of Colborne, which was ably taken care of through the kindness of Rt. Wor. Bro. Wormington.

The condition of Masonry as a whole in Ontario District is in the most favorable position. I found the twelve Lodges working in harmony and brotherly love, and I can freely say that in every Lodge the principles of Masonry are being upheld.

The Secretaries are all efficient in their work and are to be commended for the manner in which the records of the different Lodges are kept.

Official visits were made to every Lodge in the District at which a Degree was conferred. The list of the official visits is as follows:

Lebanon Lodge No. 139, Oshawa, Nov. 10th, 1925.

This being my Mother Lodge, it was my desire to visit it first, in order to present Lebanon Lodge, for circulation in Ontario District, a Travelling Square, which I trust will promote a greater friendship between the Lodges of the District.

The Master and Officers conferred the First Degree in a most capable manner, which is customary of Lebanon Lodge, the largest of the District.

Wor. Bro. J. M. Simpson, Wor. Master, being transferred shortly after his election, to London, Ont., has found it necessary to delegate his duties to the immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. F. Proctor, who has taken supervision of the work in a most willing and capable manner. The Past Masters of the Lodge have rallied to his support in the most generous and Masonic way, with the result that Lebanon Lodge is in a healthy condition. This condition is greatly assisted by the untiring efforts of the Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. A. Saunders, who has rendered splendid service to the Lodge, and it is with regret we learned that Wor. Bro. Saunders is retiring from the position at the end of this year.

Orono Lodge No. 325, Orono, Ont., Nov. 26th, 1925.

Official visit was made to Orono Lodge with Wor. Bro. John Berry presiding. The First Degree was exemplified in a capable manner, Wor. Master being assisted by a number of the Past Masters of the Lodge.

The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Neil Colville, has the business affairs of the Lodge at heart and his books are in good shape. The spirit of good-fellowship which prevails in Orono District leads one to believe Masonry is in a most healthy condition.

Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry, Ont., Nov. 27th, 1925.

I visited Fidelity Lodge on November 27th, 1925, accompanied by a number of Past Masters from Oshawa Lodges.

This Lodge has commodious Lodge rooms, well-furnished, and compares favorably with any quarters in the District.

Wor. Bro. Fred A. Johns, the Wor. Master, and his officers put on the First Degree in a very satisfactory manner, being assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge.

The Lodge meetings throughout the year would indicate that Fidelity Lodge is in a flourishing condition.

St. John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 8th, 1925.

One of the largest meetings in the District greeted me on my arrival for the official visit to St. John's Lodge. A delegation from Lebanon Lodge of Oshawa, transferring the Travelling Square to St. John's Lodge and accompanied by members from other Lodges in the District, helped swell the attendance at this meeting.

Wor. Bro. F. R. Drewry, Wor. Master, and his capable staff of officers, assisted by the P.M.'s of the Lodge, exemplified in a most pleasing manner the Third Degree. St. John's Lodge bears an enviable reputation for exemplifying good work and this occasion was no exception to the rule.

Ontario Lodge No. 26 and Hope Lodge No. 114, Port Hope, Ont., April 26th, 1926.

The Brethren of the Port Hope Lodges most kindly arranged a union meeting at which it was my

privilege to see the officers of each of the Lodges work the Second Degree. The P.M.'s of both Lodges assisted the Wor. Master, Leo C. Boney, of Ontario Lodge, and Wor. Master Geo. W. Garnett, of Hope Lodge. The work as exemplified on this occasion by both of these Lodges was of a very high degree. The writer was introduced to the Lodges by Wor. Bro. E. J. Wormington, P.D.D.G.M.

The Secretaries of these Lodges, Wor. Bro. F. H. Batty, of Ontario Lodge, and Wor. Bro. T. Bell, of Hope Lodge, have the affairs of the Lodges well in hand. The Brethren were most enthusiastic in their work.

It was the pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to have paid a visit to Port Hope Lodges, which was greatly appreciated by all.

Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby, Ont., Mount Zion Lodge No. 39, Brooklin, Ont., May 18th, 1926.

Wor. Bro. W. F. Harden, Wor. Master of Composite Lodge, and Wor. Bro. A. J. Cook, Wor. Master of Mount Zion Lodge, most kindly consented to hold a union meeting on May 18th, 1926, in Whitby Masonic Hall, where the Masters, assisted by Past Masters and Officers of the two Lodges exemplified the Third Degree in a pleasing manner. On this unique occasion the candidate, Bro. McGillivray, was obligated by Wor. Bro. C. F. McGillivray, his father, a P.M. of Composite Lodge.

At this meeting, which was an emergent meeting, there were present a number of P.D.D.G.M.'s; Rt. Wor. Bros. A. M. Ross, A. T. Lawlor and G. P. Every of Composite Lodge and Rt. Wor. Bros. John Moore and James Moore of Mount Zion Lodge. There were also present at the Fourth Degree five Doctors, who gave interesting and instructive addresses on Masonry which were much appreciated by the large attendance.

It is also interesting to note that Composite Lodge have recently purchased a building which is being

remodelled as a Masonic Temple, which would indicate that Masonry is in a flourishing condition in that community. Mount Zion Lodge possess already comfortable quarters of their own.

The fact that these Lodges arranged a union meeting shows that the true Masonic spirit prevails. Durham Lodge No. 66, Newcastle, Ont., May 19th, 1926.

I visited Durham Lodge and received a warm welcome from Wor. Bro. Wallace Holmes, Wor. Master, and his officers, being introduced to the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. F. Rickard, immediate P.D.D.G.M.

The officers and Brethren, assisted by the P.M.'s of the Lodge, exemplified the Third Degree in a capable manner. Durham Lodge is most fortunate in having exceptional Lodge room quarters in Massey Memorial Hall, second to none in the District.

Colborne Lodge No. 91, Colborne, Ont., June 18th, 1926.

Rt. Wor. Bro. E. J. Wormington, of Port Hope, most kindly came to the assistance of the writer and made the inspection of the work at Colborne Lodge on the above mentioned date, where he was received with a royal welcome.

The Third Degree was conferred by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. G. Robertson, Wor. Master, and his officers, assisted by P.M.'s of the Lodge, in a very creditable manner.

On this occasion the Brethren of Mount Zion Lodge attended thirty-three strong, and Rt. Wor. Bro. John J. Moore, P.D.D.G.M., presented the Travelling Square to the care of Colborne Lodge. The fact of this transfer being from one end of the District to the other would indicate that a splendid fraternal spirit prevails throughout.

Over a hundred members and visitors attended this meeting from surrounding Lodges and a most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

Jerusalem Lodge No. 31, Bowmanville, Ont., June 21st, 1926.

Accompanied by a number of Brethren from Oshawa and Newcastle Lodges, I visited Jerusalem Lodge, when I was most cordially welcomed, being presented to the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bros. G. C. Bonnycastle and F. C. Hoar.

On this occasion the Third Degree was exemplified, being an excellent demonstration of impressive work. A fine array of P.M.'s assisted Wor. Bro. John Baker, the Wor. Master, in exemplifying same. Particular mention of the splendid work of the two Deacons on that occasion, Bro. Comstock and Bro. Elliott, should be made.

The Lodge is most fortunate in having Wor. Bro. Annison as Secretary. All his work is most carefully and pleasingly performed.

Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa, Ont., June 22nd, 1926.

This being the final visit on my District work, it was indeed a pleasure to visit Cedar Lodge and witness the splendid work of the First Degree as conferred by Wor. Master H. C. Arnott, his officers and staff Past Masters. The work was carried out in a very excellent manner, the particular features being the work of the Junior Deacon and a lecture as given by the Junior Warden.

Cedar Lodge is to be congratulated on the active participation in the work of such a large number of P.M.'s, five of whom assisted in the work of the evening.

I was introduced to the Lodge by Very Wor. Bro. A. E. Henry, who is a source of great inspiration and ever willing to further the interest of Masonry in Cedar Lodge. From the large attendance at the Lodge meetings, Masonry is in a most thriving condition in Oshawa.

The work throughout the District is of a high order and any constructive criticism which I had occasion to offer was received, I am sure, in the same true Masonic spirit in which it was given. In visiting the Lodges, I was invariably accompanied by a number of Brethren from Cedar and Lebanon Lodges, Oshawa. These have aided in no small way in making my term of office a year of joyous endeavor, highly-prized associations and one never to be forgotten.

In conclusion, let me again thank the many Brethren throughout the District for the privilege I have had, and the friendships I have formed in endeavoring to serve you as D.D.G.M. I have been the recipient of so many courtesies from the membership wherever I visited that I am unable to adequately express my appreciation of your kindness.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. E. CLARKE, D.D.G.M.,
Ontario District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District.

Before entering on a detailed account I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon Bonnechere Lodge No. 433, Eganville, and therefore to myself, by the election of one of its members to the distinguished office of D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District. I am also very grateful to the Past Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful and Past Masters, who have rendered most valuable assistance and advice during my term of office.

I have officially visited all the twenty-seven Lodges of the District and found the work throughout as being exemplified in a uniform manner. In the very few Lodges which I inspected where I found the work not quite up to the standard, I offered several suggestions as I considered necessary to make the work uniform in accordance with instructions laid down by Grand Lodge.

The Secretaries are, on the whole, very efficient in their work, and are to be commended for the manner in which their records are kept. The majority of the Secretaries of the District are Past Masters, and I feel that where a Lodge has for its Secretary a Past Master the work is apt to be done more efficiently.

This District has a Past Masters' Association, meetings being held each Sunday afternoon in the City of Ottawa. Lectures are given by some prominent Mason on subjects pertaining to Masonry or upon any matter which may be of interest to the Craft.

During my official visits, in all Lodges the Master and officers occupied their respective chairs. The First Degree was exemplified by nineteen Lodges, the Second by six Lodges and the Third by one Lodge, while one opened and closed severally in the three Degrees.

I found the condition of the Lodges throughout the District to be in excellent shape financially.

During my term of office, I regret to say, two Grand officers, members of the District, passed away, namely: Most Worshipful Brother James H. Burritt, K.C., of Pembroke, Past Grand Master, and right Worshipful Brother David Barr, of Renfrew, Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Bro. Burritt acted as D.D.G.M. for the Ottawa District in the year 1886, and was Grand Master in 1906-07. M.W. Bro. Burritt attended my official visit to Pembroke Lodge No. 128 on Thursday, April 1, 1926, and acted as toastmaster at the banquet which followed. Most Wor. Bro. Burritt was a most consistent Mason, of kindly disposition and lived a long life of high Masonic principles. He was buried with Masonic honors on Monday, April 19th, 1926.* At the request of the Grand Secretary, I represented the Grand Master at the funeral.

Right Wor. Bro. Barr, who lived a long and useful life, was a faithful and respected Mason, attentive as a Brother and one who proved an inspiration to others at all Masonic gatherings. He was recognized in the District as an authority on Masonic procedure. R.W. Bro. Barr was buried with Masonic honors on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1925.

An event of special importance during the year was the visit on Friday, April 30, 1926, of the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland, who visited the Masons of Ottawa District in the city of Ottawa. He was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. S. Martin, and Rt. Wor. Bro. J.

Wilson of Toronto, a P.D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District. The visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was a great success, being considered an outstanding event in the history of the District. At 1 p.m. a luncheon was served to some 250 guests at the Chateau Laurier, followed by addresses from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and R. Wor. Bro. Putman, the latter introducing the Grand Lodge officers. In the evening at 8 o'clock a reception was tendered the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, this meeting being held at the Glebe Collegiate Institute. About twelve hundred Masons were present, and every Lodge in the District was represented. Wor. Bro. Dobbie, of 'The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, read the address of welcome on behalf of the ruling Masters of the Ottawa District. An excellent address was given by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The Deputy Grand Master and Rt. Wor. Bro. Jno. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M., gave short addresses. The Grand Master made a good impression on the Brethren. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation by Rt. Wor. Bro. Davidson, on behalf of the Masons of the Ottawa District, to the Grand Master of a handsome grandfather's clock, as a token of their esteem and regard. The gathering was a wonderful one, the first of the kind in the District, and voted by all to have been an unqualified success. The point chosen for the visit of the Grand Master was the City of Ottawa, this being considered the most central and accessible point where a large crowd could be accommodated. The committee in charge deserve to be congratulated on the success of the meeting. Rt. Wor. Bro. McCleery acted as Chairman of the Committee and also as Director of Ceremonies during the procession into the hall, where the Grand Honors were given. Visitors were present from the Grand Lodge of Quebec and from several other Ontario Districts. The Ottawa Temple Choir assisted greatly in making the entertainment a great success, the musical numbers being of a high order. I desire to thank the Brethren of the city of Ottawa for attending to all the details in connection with the visit of our distinguished Brethren.

Masonry in the District is apparently making good progress, the Brethren all seem to be quite enthusiastic.

During the year I have received excellent assistance from Rt. Wor. Bros. McCleery, McKee, McPhail, Church and McFarlane, P.D.G.M.'s, and others.

The Temple Choir at Ottawa, conducted by Bro. Cyril Rickwood, during my visits to that city and Westboro, gave material assistance in the work of the several Degrees. I desire to extend to the members of the choir my sincere thanks for the assistance thus given.

In conclusion, I might state that I have endeavored to perform the duties of my office to the satisfaction of all. On every occasion I have been the recipient of many kindnesses which I appreciate to the fullest extent. In every Lodge visited I was most cordially received and have made many valuable friendships. I bespeak for my successor in office the same consideration, loyal support and brotherly love which made my work both easy and pleasant.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa.—I made my first official visit in the Ottawa District to this Lodge on September 22, 1925. W. Bro. Geo. Patrick exemplified the Second Degree in a very satisfactory manner. His senior officers are proficient in their work. W. Bro. Patrick asked me to present the Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Dempsey, and also to present the silver medal presented by the Grand Lodge to Past Masters of fifty years standing to Wor. Bro. Mason, who was Master of Chaudiere Lodge in 1875. Wor. Bro. Mason desires me to convey to Grand Lodge his sincere appreciation of the memento presented by them. I consider that Chaudiere Lodge is to be congratulated on its staff of officers. The Secretary, Bro. Gates, performed his duties efficiently. A pleasing entertainment and banquet followed.

Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Beachburg.—My official visit was made on Monday, Oct. 5, 1925. Many Brethren were present from outside Lodges. The Second Degree was exemplified, and Wor. Bro. Vallient and his officers performed their duties in a fairly satisfactory manner. I explained some points of the floor work and also the penalties. I regret to report that the Wor. Master of Enterprise Lodge, Wor. Bro. Vallient, passed away after a short illness a few weeks after my official visit. The burial service was conducted by the Brethren, assisted by the officers of Pembroke Lodge.

St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place.—On Oct. 9, 1925, I made my official visit to this Lodge. Wor. Bro. McFarlane and his officers exemplified the Second Degree in an almost perfect manner. There was a good attendance. This Lodge owns its own building and has a recreation room in connection with the hall, the recreation room being free. The Lodge may well be proud of its officers. This Lodge has in its possession a white marble gavel in a box made of Cedar of Lebanon, which was presented to St. John's Lodge No. 63 by Wor. Bro. Edwards, a Past Master of St. John's.

Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew.—This Lodge was inspected by me at its regular meeting on Monday, November 2nd, 1925. Wor. Bro. Young and his officers exemplified the First Degree in an excellent manner. There was a splendid turnout of members of the Lodge, and besides there were visitors from Eganville, Cobden and other places. This Lodge has an efficient Secretary in Bro. H. J. Smith.

The Builders Lodge No. 177, Ottawa.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on Friday, November 13th, 1925. This Lodge has one of the largest memberships of the Ottawa District and has many distinguished Masons amongst its numbers, including several P.D.D.G.M.'s. The First Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Dobbie and his officers in an excellent manner. The Wor. Master is well support-

ed by his officers and harmony and good feeling prevail. I was asked to present a Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Dalton, the I.P.M.

Ashlar Lodge No. 564, Ottawa.—On Monday, Dec. 14, 1925, having a large deputation to accompany me, I paid my official visit to this Lodge. I had the pleasure and honor of being introduced to the officers and Brethren by Wor. Bro. Taylor, father of the sitting Master.

The Degree exemplified was the First Degree and Wor. Bro. Taylor and his officers did the work in a very capable manner. Wor. Bro. Taylor is one of the youngest Wor. Masters in the city and it speaks well for him that he holds the position in the Lodge that he does. Ashlar Lodge is a comparatively young Lodge, and its membership as yet is not large. The Lodge works in harmony and the best of good fellowship prevails. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's Jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Smith.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa.—The Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, was officially visited on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1925. This Lodge has a large membership.

The work of the evening was a First Degree, exemplified by Wor. Bro. Bode and his officers in an excellent manner. The officers work harmoniously and did splendid work.

I had the honor to present a Past Master's Jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Binks.

Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa.—On Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1926, I officially visited Dalhousie Lodge. There were about 225 Masons present. This is the oldest Lodge in the Ottawa District and also has the largest membership. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. McDiarmid, and his officers, exemplified the First Degree in a faultless manner. The officers all per-

formed their duties exceedingly well and the Lodge is to be congratulated on having such a splendid set of officers. On behalf of the officers and members I had much pleasure in presenting the Past Master's Jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Olmstead.

V. Wor. Bro. Fred Cook presented the Lodge with a summons from Dalhousie Lodge No. 571, G.R., England, as it was then under English jurisdiction. The summons is dated May, 1870. Attached to the summons is the autograph of the late Premier of Canada, Sir. John A. Macdonald. The Lodge is certainly in a most flourishing condition. Most. Wor. Bro. Canon Shatford gave an excellent address on Canada.

Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior.—On Monday, Jan. 11, I paid my official visit to this Lodge. Quite a large delegation of Past Masters were present. The work of the evening was two First Degrees and the officers performed their duties in a most efficient manner. The Lodge has the assistance of P.D.D.G.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Church; this fact no doubt contributes to the work being well done. The work of the Junior Deacon was above the average.

In the interval between the initiation of the candidates there was an informal talk on where different parts of the ceremony might be improved. In my opinion the changes suggested improved the work in initiating the second candidate. The Lodge has a very efficient Secretary.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560, Ottawa.—On Thursday, Jan. 21, I visited St. Andrew's Lodge. A good attendance was present. St. Andrew's is one of the younger Lodges, and, as yet, has not a very large membership.

The First Degree was the work of the evening, which was performed in a very satisfactory manner

by Wor. Bro. Salter and his officers. The members are enthusiastic Masons.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, Ottawa.—I paid my official visit to this Lodge on Friday, Jan. 22, when I was given a most friendly welcome. A large delegation of ruling Masters and Past Masters were present. The Lodge room was crowded.

The First Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Sykes and his officers, assisted by the Masonic Choir. Prince of Wales Lodge may well be proud of the Lodge and officers. A few suggestions were made regarding the ceremony, but the officers left no room for criticism. To my mind the meeting was in every way a success.

Mississippi Lodge No. 147, Almonte.—I visited this Lodge officially on Friday, Feb. 5. There was a candidate for Second Degree, but as he was called away, no Degree was worked. Wor. Bro. Dr. W. M. Johnson and his officers opened and closed in the three Degrees in a very efficient manner. In each Degree I explained the penalties in the obligations and answered any questions asked about correct procedure in the work.

There was a fair attendance. Mississippi Lodge has instrumental music to assist the officers, which decidedly improves the work.

Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa.—I made my official visit to this Lodge on Tuesday, Feb. 1926. A number of Past Grand Officers, Past Masters and sitting Masters accompanied me. Wor. Bro. Smith and his officers worked the First Degree in a splendid manner, the music adding greatly to the work. Wor. Bro. Smith makes an ideal Master and he is ably assisted by his officers. Civil Service Lodge usually works the Third Degree on the official visit of the D.D.G.M., but as no Third Degree was available, the Wor. Master and officers worked the First Degree. The Lodge is in a most flourishing condition. Wor.

Bro. Dr. Cotman, M.P. for North Renfrew, spoke on the Empire.

Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro.—On Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1926, I visited this Lodge officially. The two Westboro Lodges own their own temple. The room was well filled with Brethren, which somewhat interfered with the floor work of the Junior Deacon. The First Degree was exemplified and the work was done in a very creditable manner by Wor. Bro. Mason and his officers. This Lodge is one of the youngest in the Ottawa District, and the members appear to be enthusiastic Masons. I had the honor in presenting a Past Master's Jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Bird.

Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa.—My visit of inspection to this Lodge was made on Friday, March 5, 1926, when I was hospitably received by its members. Doric Lodge is the second oldest Lodge in this District and has two Past D.D.G.M.'s amongst its members. The First Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. McLean and his officers, assisted by the choir, in a perfect manner. The Junior Warden's lecture was given exceedingly well. Rev. Bro. Logan gave a very interesting lecture and the music was good.

Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558, Ottawa.—On Mar. 24, I visited this Lodge officially. A large attendance of members were present. Accompanying me were several P.D.D.G.M.'s of the Ottawa District and V. Wor. Bro. Hyslop of Toronto. I also had with me a number of ruling and Past Masters.

The work of the evening was a First Degree. Wor. Bro. Stanton and the officers, assisted by the choir, exemplified it in an almost faultless manner. The candidate made a good impression as a subject for initiation. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition. I had the pleasure of presenting the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Higman, with a Past Master's Jewel.

Carleton Lodge No. 465, Carp.—On Friday, March 26, I officially visited this Lodge. The attendance was not very large on account of the condition of the roads, and the visit of the D.D.G.M. is usually held in the summer.

As no candidate was in readiness, the W.M. and officers exemplified the Second Degree, a Past Master acting as a substitute for an E.A. Mason. The work was done very creditably. I explained where, in some points, the work might be improved. The meeting from then on was quite formal, questions being asked and explained as well as possible. The members work together in harmony, and good fellowship is quite in evidence. This Lodge has a very capable Secretary.

Pembroke Lodge No. 128, Pembroke.—My official visit to this Lodge was made on Thursday, April 1. The hall was fairly well filled. Pembroke Lodge has one of the finest Lodge rooms in the Ottawa District, the furniture and decorations being very handsome.

Two First Degrees were exemplified by Wor. Bro. Blakely and his officers. On account of illness some of the junior officers were absent. Between the initiating of the first and second candidates, I explained where I considered the work might be improved. I have seen Pembroke Lodge do better work.

It was my pleasure to have present with me Most Wor. Bro. Burritt and Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Josephs. Pembroke Lodge has a choir to assist in the different Degrees, which greatly assists in making the work more impressive.

Defenders Lodge No. 590, Ottawa.—I visited this Lodge officially on Wednesday, April 7. I was accompanied by a good representation of Past D.D.G. Masters, Past Masters and Ruling Masters. The Wor. Master and officers exemplified the First Degree in a fairly creditable manner. After the De-

gree. I explained carefully where the work could be improved. The members seemed to accept my suggestions in a truly Masonic spirit.

Rideau Lodge No. 595, Ottawa.—On Thursday, April 8, I paid my official visit to Rideau Lodge. I had a large delegation of Grand Lodge officers and Past and Ruling Masters to accompany me on entering the Lodge, where I was most cordially received by Wor. Bro. McConnell. The hall was filled, which speaks well for the youngest Lodge in the Ottawa District.

The work of the evening was a First Degree, which was done in an almost faultless manner by the Wor. Bro. McConnell and his officers. As the Junior Warden was absent, each officer was advanced to a higher office, and still the work was well exemplified and done in an impressive manner. On behalf of the officers and members of Rideau Lodge No. 595, I had much pleasure in presenting a P.M. Jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Beach. There is excellent harmony prevailing among the officers and members.

Acacia Lodge No. 561, Westboro.—I officially visited this Lodge on Friday, April 9. In the delegation which accompanied me were five Past D.D.G.M.'s from Quebec, several from Ottawa, and many Past and Ruling Masters. The Lodge room was filled. In fact, too many were present to permit the Junior Deacon to demonstrate the floor work properly.

The work of the evening was a First Degree, which Wor. Bro. McLellan and his officers exemplified in a very able manner. I explained fully some of the floor work, and had the Deacon perform it under my instructions, which I trust, will assist him in the future. The criticisms appeared to be well received. On behalf of the officers and members I presented a Past Masters Jewel to the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Stewart.

Goodwood Lodge No. 159, Richmond.—On Tuesday, April 27, I officially visited this Lodge. A large delegation of Ruling and Past Masters accompanied me from Ottawa. There were also present a number of Ruling and Past Masters from the surrounding Lodges. The work of the evening was a Second Degree, which Wor. Bro. Gamble and his officers exemplified in a very efficient manner. The Lodge has a small membership, but own their own property. The hall is tastefully furnished. Richmond has the honor of being the place where the first Masonic Lodge was instituted in the Ottawa District. The first Lodge opened in Richmond was in the year 1821. The Duke of Richmond once sat in one of the chairs now in the East. The lodge at present has a good staff of officers.

Cobden Lodge No. 495, Cobden.—On Tuesday, May 11, I paid my official visit to this Lodge, accompanied by a good delegation from my mother Lodge. Brethren were present from Ottawa, Beachburg and Pembroke. The work of the evening was a First Degree, which was done by Wor. Bro. Gilmour and his officers in a very efficient manner. A few mistakes occurred in the floor work, which I corrected as pleasantly as possible.

Corinthian Lodge No. 478, North Gower.—I paid my official visit to Corinthian Lodge on Friday, May 21. Accompanying me were most of the Ruling Masters of the Lodges in the city of Ottawa and Westboro. The Degree exemplified was a Third Degree. The Wor. Master might have put in a little more time in studying the Degree. The opening and closing in the different Degrees was well done. In each Degree I explained the penalties fully. The Past Master's charge was well given by Wor. Bro. Kerr, the oldest Mason in the Lodge. The Lodge is to be congratulated on owning its own temple.

Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, Hazeldean.—The date of my official visit to this Lodge was on Wednesday, May 26. A large delegation from Ottawa and neigh-

bouring Lodges were present. The work of the evening was a First Degree. The Wor. Master and officers exemplified the Degree in a very satisfactory manner.

This is one of the smallest Lodges in the District. They own their own hall and the Lodge is nicely furnished. They do not have many Degrees to confer and from the manner in which the work was done it shows that the officers and members must be enthusiastic Masons. The Lodge room was well filled.

Russell Lodge No. 479, Russell.—On Monday, May 31, my official visit was paid to this Lodge. The Lodge owns their own temple, which is of brick, the basement being used for refreshments. The work of the evening was a First Degree. As no candidate was available, the Degree was exemplified on a Master Mason. The officers did well. A spirit of harmony prevails in this Lodge. The Secretary and Treasurer read their report, which were very explicit, and shows the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition. I was pleased to see that the Lodge elected the present Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bonnechere Lodge No. 433, Eganville.—I made my official visit to this Lodge on Monday, June 14. This was my last official visit, and it being my mother Lodge, I was much pleased with the large deputation that accompanied me. This was one of the best meetings Bonnechere Lodge ever had. I will always cherish in my memory the warmth of the welcome I received at this meeting, being introduced by Wor. Bro. Milligan and received by the Wor. Master. Brethren were present from Ottawa, Russell, Richmond, Almonte, Renfrew, Cobden, Beachburg and Pembroke Lodges. The Degree exemplified was the second which Wor. Bro. Thompson and his officers put on in their usual efficient manner.

At this meeting the Ruling Masters of Ottawa

and Westboro presented me with an address signed by the Ruling Masters of Ottawa and Westboro, and a large framed photograph of myself, surrounded with photographs of the twelve Ruling Ottawa Masters and the two Ruling Masters of Westboro. The presentation was made by Wor. Bro. J. Smith, of Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa, on behalf of the Masters of Ottawa and Westboro. I endeavored to thank them for this presentation, which came as a great surprise to me, and I can assure the Ottawa and Westboro Masters that the memento of my term of office is appreciated to the fullest extent. I shall never forget the many kindnesses received from the Masters, Past Masters and other Ottawa Brethren, as well as from the Brethren of other Lodges outside of the city.

Before I conclude I again wish to express to the Brethren of the Ottawa District my most sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown me during my term of office. I am quite positive that my successor will receive the same support and fraternal friendship that has been accorded to me.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES REEVES, D.D.G.M.,
Ottawa District.

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in Peterboro District:

When I was unanimously selected by my Brethren a year ago as the choice of the District for the office of representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I felt that a signal honour had been conferred upon me, and in endeavoring to follow at all acceptably in the footsteps of a long line of distinguished predecessors, I was conscious of undertaking a most difficult task. It has been my earnest endeavor to discharge my duties in a manner acceptable to the Grand Master, and with a full appreciation of the responsibilities of my office, and to the best of my ability I have striven to prove worthy of the trust reposed in me by my Brethren.

I was handicapped exceedingly at the outset from the fact that I suffered a very serious accident in August last while motoring in the state of Pennsylvania, necessitating a forced sojourn in hospitals in that state and in London, Ont., for a period of three months. During that time I was the recipient of sympathetic letters from the lodges in my District and from the Grand Secretary, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank them all sincerely for their interest and kindness.

Masonry in Peterboro District has progressed most satisfactorily during the past year. Peace and harmony have universally prevailed and the Lodges have been a unit in promulgating the principles and tenets of the Order.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Peterboro was honoured on December 7th last by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and his words of wisdom and encouragement were highly appreciated by the Peterboro Brethren on that auspicious occasion.

In this District I have found the Masters, their Wardens and Officers most loyally and generously supported by most efficient Past Masters, whose fidelity to the Craft in general and their own Lodges in particular, is worthy of unlimited commendation. Particularly is this noticeable in the three Lodges in Peterboro city, where many Past Masters give unstintedly of their time in preparing candidates for the various Degrees. I have observed a close bond of fraternal friendship prevailing between the sister Craft Lodges of Peterboro city and in the rural areas, and it was my endeavor to, at all times, intensify this relationship by urging fraternal visits with one another, and particularly so with the new baby Lodge at Hastings.

I was fortunately able to personally inspect the work of each Lodge and individually and collectively I was impressed with the uniform manner in which the Degrees were conferred, the effective adherence to the ritual, the desire to conform to the ancient usages and established customs of the order and the conformity to the Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge, that I found everywhere in evidence.

The Past Masters' Association formed in this District in 1924, and the annual District picnic, first held last July, are playing an important part in all matters of interest, and have been stimulated by their officers and those responsible for their welfare until they are rightly regarded as a mighty factor for good in furthering the interests of the Craft in the case of the former, and in stimulating and furthering the social side in the latter.

The books and records of the Lodges are in a most satisfactory condition and the finances are for

the most part, all that could be desired, and the Secretaries are fulfilling their manifold and particular duties in a most exemplary manner indeed.

My first official duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. L. G. Hagerman as District Secretary, and Wor. Bro. H. Burnett as District Chaplain, and I am indebted to them for many kind services during the year.

The leading event in this District for the year was the institution of a new Lodge at Hastings on December 11th last. Because of being confined in hospital when the notice was received from Grand Lodge to conduct the Institution, Rt. Wor. Bro. F. C. Bonnycastle, P.D.D.G.M., generously consented to officiate for me, but I am glad to state that I was able to attend this memorable ceremony and take the part of Director of Ceremonies thereat. About 150 Brethren from the District attended this event, which meant the restoration of Masonry in Hastings since the original Lodge resigned its charter in 1887. The new Lodge is admirably situated, is most thoroughly equipped, and commences its existence under the capable and enthusiastic guidance of Wor. Bro. W. R. Learmonth as Worshipful Master, and who is a P.D.D.G.M. of the Province of Saskatchewan. He is ably seconded by Wor. Bro. Walter Fowlds as Senior Warden, and who is a Past Master of Norwood Lodge. The Hastings Lodge was instituted with a membership of 19, and has since initiated 15, passed 12 and raised 10. Two Brethren have also affiliated, making the membership for the first six months total 36. The officers have been exceedingly zealous in their work and can now exemplify all the Degrees in a most efficient manner, and have made two fraternal visits to sister Lodges and worked the First Degree on both occasions. This baby Lodge has started under most favorable conditions and I have every confidence in its success and am urging Grand Lodge to grant its charter at Fort William in July next.

Another outstanding event in Masonry in this District was the occasion last fall of the 50th anniversary as Past Master of Rt. Wor. Bro. Harry Rush of Peterboro. Rt. Wor. Bro. Rush was the guest of

honor of Peterboro Lodge at a banquet to fittingly mark the occasion, and was presented with the special Grand Lodge Jewel commemorating the memorable event, and also with a handsome enlarged portrait of himself by the Brethren of Peterboro Lodge to mark their appreciation of his long and honorable service as a Past Master and the high esteem in which he is held, and rightly so, by the Craft in general in Peterboro.

A suggestion that I think might well be adopted within the District, is for each Lodge to forward notices of their meetings to all other Lodges and each Lodge to display the various notices on a board over the register, thereby enabling the Brethren to keep informed as to what is going on within the District and enable them to fraternize more easily, and I hope and trust that the Lodges will adopt this suggestion in the interests of Masonry in Peterboro District.

I would also respectfully suggest to my successor the advisability of holding a Lodge of Instruction during his term of office, preferably at the October meeting of the Past Masters' Association, as such tends largely to keep the work uniform throughout the District.

In conclusion I wish to convey to the Brethren of the District generally, and to many of the Past Masters and Masters in particular, my warmest appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to me during my official year. I bespeak for my successor the same cordial assistance so cheerfully extended to me. May harmony and prosperity continue throughout our District domain, and may the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth characterizes us all as men and as Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

T. P. LANCASTER, D.D.G.M.,
Peterborough District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the District of Prince Edward, for the Masonic Year ending June 24th, 1926.

I greatly appreciate the honour that has been conferred on me by being elected to the high and important office of representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District.

I wish to thank the Lodges in the District for their never failing courtesy and hospitality extended to me on every occasion; all of the Past D.D.G.M.'s were very kind and rendered me valuable assistance on many of my visits.

Particularly do I wish to thank my District Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. A. Morgan, Past Master of Moira Lodge No. 11. He accompanied me on almost every occasion throughout the District, and I cannot speak too highly of the splendid service and support rendered by him at all times during my year of office.

The condition of Masonry as a whole in Prince Edward District, exceeded my expectations. I found the sixteen Lodges working in harmony and brotherly love, and I am pleased to say that I found in every Lodge the principles of Masonry being upheld with truth, honour and justice, which speaks well for my predecessors in office.

The Secretaries are all efficient in their work, and are to be commended on the manner in which the records of the different Lodges are kept, and I here wish to speak of the long service of Bro. W. Jeffers Diamond, who has been in office as Secretary of

Eureka Lodge No. 283 for the past forty-two years, which, I think, will establish a record for long service as Secretary. The Lodges throughout the District are in fine condition and able to accommodate the membership with the exception of Lake Lodge No. 215 and the Belleville Lodges, where the accommodation is limited. But we trust this will soon be remedied as both these places have extensive alterations under contemplation, which will greatly improve the accommodation.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. H. A. Morgan District Secretary and Wor. Bro. (Rev.) G. W. Swayne, District Chaplain.

Official Visits.

Wednesday, July 22nd.—Attended the laying of the corner stone of the new Anglican Church at Bath, to replace the one destroyed by fire. The ceremony was performed by Most Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton, acting Grand Master, assisted by a number of Rt. Wor. and Worshipful Brethren, who were present in large numbers.

Sunday, August 2nd.—Attended Divine Service with the Brethren of Franck Lodge No. 217.

I visited Franck Lodge No. 217, Frankford, Ont., on the evening of Sept. 28th, was accompanied by a number of Brethren from Belleville, including the District Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. A. Morgan. The meeting was largely attended, Wor. Bro. C. F. Wessels, supported by his efficient staff of officers, conferred the First Degree to the satisfaction of all present. This Lodge is in a very satisfactory condition, and we will never forget the Masonic welcome received by us on this occasion.

I had the pleasure of visiting Lake Lodge No. 215, Ameliaburg, Ont., Oct. 26th, 1925. Was accompanied by a large delegation from Belleville and District, including Most. Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton, P.G.M.

and Provost Seager of Trinity College, Toronto. The First Degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner and all spent a very enjoyable evening.

I officially visited Tweed Lodge No. 239, Tweed, Ont., Oct. 30th, and received a very hearty welcome from a very large attendance of the Brethren. The Second Degree was conferred on Bro. McGie in a very satisfactory manner, by Wor. Bro. T. Rath, Wor. Master and his officers. The Brethren of Tweed Lodge are to be congratulated on their bright and cheerful Lodge room after being newly decorated.

I officially visited Prince Edward Lodge No. 18 Nov. 5th. Wor. Bro. J. Wright, Master of this old Lodge, and his officers conferred the Third Degree with full musical ritual, which was highly appreciated by the large number present from the surrounding District. After the work was completed in the Lodge room we retired to the Parish Hall, where the ladies of Picton had provided all that was necessary in the line of refreshments, after which we listened to some fine addresses, especially those given by Very Wor. Bro. J. O. Herity, and Rt. Wor. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, on Canada and the Empire. The Brethren of Picton have one of the nicest Lodge rooms in the District and are very proud of it.

On Dec. 3rd I visited Stirling Lodge No. 69 of Stirling. Wor. Bro. G. D. Watson and officers conferred the Second Degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner, and I had the honor to present a jewel to the Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. W. F. Heath, as a token of appreciation from the members of his Lodge for services rendered.

I officially visited Eureka Lodge No. 283, Belleville, on Dec. 2nd, and was received with true Masonic honors by the officers and members of an overflow meeting. Wor. Bro. W. B. Doolittle and his officers exemplified the Third Degree with musical ritual ceremony, which reflected great credit on the Lodge. This Lodge is in a flourishing condition and has bright

prospects for the future, and they seem to be able to appreciate service, as Bro. W. Jeffers Diamond has been Secretary for forty-two years and still going strong.

On Feb. 4th I had the pleasure of officially visiting another of our Lodges here, the Belleville Lodge No. 123. Wor. Bro. Thompson and his officers exemplified the sublime Degree in a very efficient manner, assisted by past officers of the Lodge. At this Lodge I was accorded a most cordial reception.

United Lodge No. 29.—Brighton, March 2nd. I had the pleasure of visiting this old Lodge in company with Past District Deputies and Past Masters of my home city. Wor. Bro. R. J. Bird and his very capable officers exemplified the Second Degree. Brighton members are the possessors of a most beautiful Lodge and are very enthusiastic Masons. It was a great loss to Masonry in this town when Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. Pickford was called to the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Pickford was D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District in 1918.

Trent Lodge No. 38, Trenton.—I visited this Lodge on March 9th, 1926, and was greeted by a most enthusiastic gathering. The work of Wor. Bro. Andison was excellent. Was very pleased to have associated in the East on this visit with me Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Spencer and Rt. Wor. Bro. Potts, two of the most enthusiastic Masons in the District. I am pleased to learn that Trenton is to have a new temple, and one that will be a credit to Trenton Masonry.

I made a visit to Craig Lodge No. 401 at Deseronto on April 6th, accompanied by a large delegation from Belleville, also from Frontenac District. Wor. Bro. Claude Thompson conferred the Second Degree in an excellent manner, after which we retired to the banquet room, where a profitable hour was spent.

Consecon Lodge No. 50, Consecon.—This flourishing Lodge I had the pleasure of visiting on April 23rd.

I was received by Wor. Bro. W. W. Ward in a most courteous and gracious manner. The First Degree was worked, and was done in a manner similar to that of the other Lodges in the District. The new temple in this town was filled to capacity by members of the whole District. Evidently Consecon's hospitality has spread far and wide. I presented, on behalf of Consecon Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to Wor. Bro. Sprung, one of their oldest Past Masters.

Star in the East Lodge No. 166.—Wellington was my next visit on April 29th, where I received a royal Masonic welcome from Wor. Bro. W. E. King, and the Brethren after being introduced by my predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald. The Third Degree was exemplified in a faultless manner, and the officers are deserving of the highest praise. On this visit I was accompanied by a large number of my Belleville Brethren.

Marmora Lodge No. 222.—My official visit was made to this Lodge May 17th. I found a splendid attendance of visitors and members. The work of the evening was an E.A. Degree, which was performed in a creditable manner by Wor. Bro. G. B. Airhart and his officers. The books of the Lodge were in excellent condition, and the outlook for Masonry in Marmora is good. The Masons of this town seem to make this visit one of great rejoicing, as they certainly know how to entertain and make one feel at home.

My official visit to Bancroft Lodge No. 482 was on June 14th. This is the farthest away Lodge in the District, being 80 miles due north, and 50 miles from the nearest Lodge. I was accompanied on this occasion by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, who so kindly placed his car at my disposal, and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Newton, with Bro. W. H. F. Ketcheson, made up the party. Wor. Bro. W. G. Broad and officers conferred the First Degree. The candidate, Bro. McMurray, drove 30 miles for his initiation. This Lodge, although isolated from any other, exemplified the work in a faultless manner.

To bring to a close a very pleasant year as D.D.G.M., it was a great honor to have with me the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Bro. J. A. Rowland, accompanied by Most Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton, P.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Chairman of the Board of Benevolence, Rt. Wor. Bro. Bramhall, Jr. Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, England. Eleven Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Masters and Past Masters from all the Lodges in the District present on my official visit to my mother Lodge, Moira No. 11, the oldest in the District, and one of the oldest in Ontario. For this occasion all the Lodges of the District were invited to meet the Grand Master. Room was at a premium in the Lodge, and the Belleville Brethren were asked to retire and make room for the visitors. It was a privilege I will not soon forget to receive Most Wor. Bro. Rowland on behalf of Prince Edward District and Moira Lodge. The Grand Master was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. John Newton, P.D.D.G.M., and Wor. Bro. W. Davis, Past Master of this Lodge for forty-six years, who came from Montreal for this visit and is 87 years of age. Wor. Bro. Chamberlain, Master, and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a manner which gave satisfaction to the Most Wor. the Grand Master and the visitors present. Before the Lodge was closed the Grand Master thanked Brethren for the loyal and enthusiastic welcome extended to him.

After the work in the Lodge about five hundred Masons sat down to a banquet in Johnstone's Academy, where the ladies of Belleville Chapter No. 55, Order of the Eastern Star, had prepared a very sumptuous repast, and the tables were beautifully decorated with blue and gold in honor of the Grand Lodge. After partaking of the good things provided we were entertained by songs and speeches, and the Brethren of this District will long remember the fine address given by the Grand Master, the old story told in an entirely new way. The address given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dargavel was something to remember, and the Masons of Ontario should feel proud that we have such men as these at the head of our fraternity. Nor

must we forget Eureka Orchestra, who contributed much to the success of the evening. Most Wor. Bro. Ponton, P.G.M., proposed the toast to the visitors, and in doing so he moved that the following message be sent to H.R.H. Edward Prince of Wales:

Belleville, June 23rd, 1926.

To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,
St. James Palace, London, England.

Prince Edward Masonic District in meeting assembled sends loyal and fraternal greetings to His Royal Highness.

(Signed) ROWLAND,
Grand Master.

This brought to a close one of the most successful meetings held in this District.

In conclusion, I would state that the condition of Masonry in this District is excellent. The spirit of true brotherhood prevails in all the Lodges. At all the meetings the members displayed a general attitude of dignity and proper decorum in the transaction of Lodge business, and the conferring of Degrees. A deep devotion to the cause of Masonry was manifested by the Past Masters in many of the Lodges, and their loyal support to the Worshipful Masters in the guidance of their Brethren is an inspiration and incentive to the younger Masons to emulate these veterans of the Craft, and to faithfully perform the Masonic tasks set before them. Notices of the meetings have come in regularly intimating that all were conferring Degrees.

My sincere thanks are gratefully tendered to the P.D.D.G.M.'s and Past Officers of the District for their valuable assistance rendered throughout the year.

The year just closing will be remembered by me as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life. I bespeak for my successor the same consideration, loyal support and brotherly love which has made my work both easy and pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. BARLOW, D.D.G.M.,
Prince Edward District.

SARNIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Sarnia District for the year ending June 24th, 1926.

I wish first to express my sincere appreciation to the Brethren of Sarnia District for the honor they bestowed upon me in electing me to that high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master of this District and more particularly because it is the first time that Moore Lodge No. 294 has had the honor of having one of their members elected to that office. I also wish to thank the Brethren of the District for the courtesy, kindness and hospitality that has been shown me everywhere throughout the District. I have endeavored to the utmost of my ability to fulfil the duty reposed in me and to prove worthy of the honor and dignity becoming the office, and I hope, therefore, that your trust in me has not been undeservedly bestowed.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. H. L. Preter of Moore Lodge as District Secretary and Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. Canon D. Walker Collins of Sarnia as District Chaplain. I desire to extend to both these Brethren my sincere thanks for their very able assistance so cheerfully given during my term of office.

Lodge of Instruction

My next official act was presiding over a Lodge of Instruction held at Courtright on Friday, October 23rd, 1925. There was a good attendance from the various Lodges of the District as well as Brethren from St. Clair, Michigan and other Lodges. At 2.30

p.m. the Lodge was opened in the First Degree by Wor. Bro. A. B. Clysdale and officers of Moore Lodge No. 294, after which Rt. Wor. Bro. John S. Martin, Deputy Grand Master, was received with grand honors. The Wor. Master and officers of Moore Lodge exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable manner. The Rt. Wor. the Deputy Grand Master was then called on and delivered a most able and instructive address, which was greatly appreciated by all the Brethren, after which the Lodge was called off for two hours. At 7.15 p.m. the Lodge resumed labor, when the Wor. Bro. Conkey and officers of Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, opened the Lodge in the Second Degree and conferred this Degree in a very able manner, there being very little criticism offered. At 8.30 p.m. Worshipful Bro. Johnston and officers of Leopold Lodge No. 397, Brigden, assumed the chairs and opened the Lodge in the Third Degree and exemplified that Degree in an almost faultless manner. After the exemplification of this Degree several short addresses were given, and at 10.45 o'clock the Lodge was closed, with the general feeling that the Lodge of Instruction had been a success in every way.

Official Visits

Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood.

October 26th I visited Inwood Lodge, which was my first official visit, and I was accompanied by the District Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. L. Preter. I was introduced by the immediate Past D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. W. A. Graham and R.W. Bro. W. R. Dawson, receiving a cordial and hearty welcome. The Wor. Master, Bro. Fergus A. McNally and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a capable manner which left little room for criticism. There was not a very large representation of Brethren present, as the evening was wet and disagreeable and the roads bad. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and show a very small amount of dues outstanding.

Havelock Lodge No. 238, Watford.

October 27th.—I visited Havelock Lodge No. 238 and received a hearty welcome. The Wor. Master, Bro. R. B. Luckham, and his officers conferred the Third Degree in a very creditable manner. This being the first time for the Wor. Master to confer a Degree since being installed in June, he was therefore somewhat nervous. There was a good attendance of the Brethren as well as visitors from surrounding Lodges. The Chaplain of Havelock Lodge and Bro. J. C. Reid of Petrolia gave very inspiring addresses, which was appreciated. The Secretary's books are in splendid shape and show a good financial condition.

Alvinston Lodge No. 323, Alvinston.

October 28th.—I officially visited Alvinston Lodge and received a very warm welcome. The Wor. Master, Bro. Delmer Kearney, and his officers conferred the Second Degree in a very fine manner. This Lodge has a good set of officers and they all take a great interest in the floor work as well as the Degree work. This Lodge is also to be congratulated on their excellent comfortable Lodge room and furniture, which is a credit to them. The Secretary's books are well kept and show very few outstanding dues. There were a number of visiting Brethren present and a very enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

Ionic Lodge No. 328; Napier.

October 30th.—I visited Ionic Lodge No. 328, Napier. The work of the evening was the conferring of the First Degree, which was fairly well done by the Wor. Master and officers, who were only installed in June and, this being a strictly country Lodge, they were closed down during the summer months. I offered a little criticism on the floor work and also on the manner in which the officers gave the signs when addressed by the Wor. Master. I recommended that this Lodge purchase the Three Lesser Lights, which they did not have. The Secretary's books are satisfactorily kept.

Washington Lodge and Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia.

On Wednesday, November 11th, I visited jointly Washington Lodge No. 260 and Petrolia Lodge No. 194 of Petrolia, accompanied by a number of Brethren from my home Lodge. I was officially introduced and was accorded a very hearty welcome from the Brethren of both Lodges, there being a large number of members present, as well as visitors from several other Lodges. The officers of Petrolia Lodge vacated their chairs for the officers of Washington Lodge when the Worshipful Master R. B. Bell, and officers opened the Lodge in the Second Degree and conferred this Degree in a fairly good manner. I offered a few remarks regarding the wording of the penalty, which the W.M. did not have correctly and also on the floor work of the Deacon. The Wor. Master, Thos. W. Brooks, and officers of Petrolia Lodge No. 194 resumed the chairs and opened the Lodge in the Third Degree and exemplified the Third Degree in a most impressive and almost word perfect manner and with full musical ritual, which added much to the impressiveness of the work. The work of the Wardens and Deacons was also excellent throughout. Petrolia Lodge is to be congratulated on their very efficient staff of officers, and I see nothing but a very bright future ahead of this Lodge.

Forest Lodge No. 263, Forest.

On Wednesday, November 25th, I visited Forest Lodge No. 263. I was received and tendered a very hearty welcome. In the absence of the Wor. Master, Hugh Freele, Wor. Bro. Geo. McFarlane acting in the chair, exemplified the Second Degree in a very creditable manner, assisted by a very fine staff of officers, all of whom did their work in excellent form and which left little room for criticism. Forest Lodge is highly blessed in having a Past Master such as Wor. Bro. McFarlane, who could take this work in hand on having only a few days' notice, it being ten years ago that he held the office of Master. The Secretary deserves much credit for the excellent manner in which he keeps the Lodge books and for presenting to the

Lodge a chart showing the year and the names of all the Masters and other officers who have held office ever since the Lodge was instituted.

Arkona Lodge No. 307, Arkona.

November 26th, I made my official visit to Arkona Lodge, accompanied by a number of kind Brethren from Forest. I was given a hearty welcome by the large number of Brethren and visitors present. The Wor. Master, Bro. Otto Schmidt, and officers conferred the First Degree in a very good manner. I had only a few remarks to offer in regard to the wording of the penalty and the floor work. The lecture given by the Junior Warden deserves special mention. The Secretary's books are kept in good order.

St. Paul Lodge No. 601, Sarnia.

On Saturday, November 28th, I officially visited St. Paul Lodge No. 601, Sarnia, having received an invitation from them to do so as they were having as their distinguished guest Most Worshipful Bro. Arthur J. Fox, Grand Master of the State of Michigan. I was tendered a very hearty welcome by the Wor. Master and the large number of Brethren present, after which I was asked to assume the chair and was given the honor and great pleasure of welcoming the Grand Master of Michigan, who was introduced by M.W. Bro. Robt. P. Anderson, Past Grand Master of Michigan, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Paul. After the grand honors were given to the M.W. the Grand Master, the Wor. Master, Bro. John A. Baird, of St Paul Lodge assumed the chair, when he and his officers, assisted by two Past Masters and two Past D.D.G.M.'s, exemplified the Third Degree in a most pleasing and impressive manner. A very outstanding feature of the meeting was the presentation of a Bible to every member of this Lodge who has been initiated since it started, this being capably done by the M.W. Bro. Robt. P. Anderson, Past Grand Master of Michigan, who is an honorary member of St. Paul Lodge. Then followed a most eloquent address from W.M. Bro. Arthur J. Fox, Grand Master of the State of Michigan,

who expressed his great pleasure of being present to witness the work exemplified in a Canadian Lodge for the first time.

Liberty Lodge No. 419, Sarnia.

February 8th, I officially visited Liberty Lodge No. 419, and spent a very pleasant evening. The work of the First Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. W. F. Brown and his officers in a very efficient manner and which could not fail to make a lasting impression on the candidate. This Lodge has a very fine staff of officers and Liberty Lodge should continue to prosper in the future.

Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy.

February 19th.—This was the occasion of my official visit to Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, where I was met by Wor. Bro. Campbell. Although the snowy condition of the roads kept a number of Brethren from the country at home, still there were about seventy members present, who gave me a very warm welcome. Wor. Bro. Wm. B. Ferguson and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very satisfactory manner, which left little room for criticism. This Lodge is favored by having as Secretary Rt. Wor. Bro. Richardson, who keeps his records in very fine shape, which show only one member over two years in arrears.

Tuscon Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia.

February 17th, I visited Tuscan Lodge and witnessed the exemplification of the First Degree. This Degree was exemplified in a very praiseworthy manner by the W.M., J. J. Rose, assisted by his excellent staff of officers, who each take a great interest in their work, which could not fail but make a lasting impression on the candidate. I felt it my duty to offer a few remarks on the use of the ballot which I trust will be improved in the future.

Burns Lodge No. 153, Wyoming.

February 25th, I made my official visit to Burns

Lodge. There were about forty members present, which was very good considering the stormy night and the bad condition of the roads. The work of the First Degree was done by the Wor. Bro. Wilbur Steadman and his officers in a manner which I must confess was not up to the standard. I offered considerable criticism on the manner in which some of the officers performed their duties, which I hope will be improved on in the future.

Alexander Lodge No. 158, Oil Springs.

March 4th, I visited Alexandra Lodge, accompanied by the District Secretary and several Brethren. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. Jackson and received a warm welcome. Wor. Bro. J. S. Penfound and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very efficient and impressive manner, this being the first time for the newly-elected officers doing their work. They all seem to take a great interest, the floor work being exceptionally well done. I was indeed pleased to see so many Past Masters present, there being ten in attendance, which goes to show they have the real spirit at heart. This Lodge is also highly blessed by having R.W. Bro. Parks and Wor. Bro. Jackson taking great interest in keeping the officers so well-posted in the signs and symbols. To these Brethren great credit is due. The finances of the Lodge are in good shape.

Grand Master's Official Visit to Sarnia District

Tuesday, March 2nd, will long be remembered by the Brethren of Sarnia District this being the occasion of an official visit from the Most Worshipful John A. Rowland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, to Sarnia District, Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia, the oldest Lodge in the District, having charge. A banquet was held at the Sanford Hotel at six o'clock in honor to our guest, who was accompanied by the Most Worshipful Arthur J. Fox, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and Robt. P. Anderson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Following the banquet the evening meeting was held in the Auditorium of the City

Hall, where the Grand Lodge officers were introduced to about three hundred Brethren. The Grand Master's eloquent and inspiring address on Masonry was exceptionally highly instructive and greatly appreciated by all. Addresses were also given by the Most Worshipful Arthur J. Fox and Most Wor. Robt. P. Anderson of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which were very instructive and appreciated.

St. Clair Lodge No. 425, Sombra.

Tuesday, March 23rd, I visited this Lodge and, on account of the roads being almost impassable, there were only sixteen members present. The work of the evening was the Second Degree, which was fairly well conferred by W. Bro. F. L. Brown and his officers. I offered some criticism on the Master's work in regard to the wording of the penalty and giving the signs and also on the floor work of the officers, all of which was favorably received and which I trust will be improved on. The Secretary keeps his books in good order.

Leopold Lodge No. 397, Brigden.

On March 24th, I paid my official visit to Leopold Lodge. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. D. Armstrong and Very Wor. Bro. Jas. McDonald and received a warm welcome. The roads were very bad, which prevented a number of the Brethren from the country attending. Wor. Bro. D. L. Pratt and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable and able manner, which left little room for criticism. The Junior Warden's lecture deserves special mention, being exceptionally well rendered and word perfect. The Lodge room has been recently equipped with new furniture and they also have the walls decorated with photos of nearly all the Past Masters, which all help to make the room homelike.

Moore Lodge No. 294, Courtright.

March 25th was the very pleasant occasion of my official visit to my home Lodge, Moore Lodge No. 294, Courtright, where I was warmly greeted by the large representation of Brethren and visitors. I had the

honor of being accompanied by the Most Worshipful Robt. P. Anderson of Port Huron, Mich., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. The Wor. Master, Bro. L. R. Aiken, and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in a very impressive and praiseworthy manner, which could not fail to leave a lasting impression on the candidate. The special address of the evening was given by the Most Wor. Robt. P. Anderson of Port Huron on "Masonic Benefactions," which was very instructive and greatly appreciated by all present.

Cassia Lodge No. 116, Thedford.

On March 29th, I paid an official visit to Cassia Lodge and was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. D. Morrison, and was tendered a cordial welcome. The Fellowcraft Degree was fairly well conferred by Wor. Bro. R. J. Ross and his officers. I offered a little criticism regarding the wording of the penalty and the manner in which the Wardens attended the signs. The Senior Deacon and the Inner Guard did their work well and deserve special mention. This Lodge room had just been re-decorated and new rug placed on the floor, which makes it very comfortable and pleasant. The Secretary has his records in good shape.

Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia.

On Tuesday, April 6th, I visited Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia, the oldest Lodge of this District, and witnessed the F.C. Degree exemplified by Wor. Bro. W. G. Randall and his officers in a very satisfactory manner, which compares favorably with the other Lodges of the city. I offered a few suggestions where I felt changes could be made to make the work more uniform and impressive, which was thankfully received. This Lodge has a very efficient Secretary, who is a credit to them.

Huron Lodge No. 392, Camlachie.

April 21st, I visited Huron Lodge, accompanied by about twenty members of Moore Lodge as well as

several Brethren from Sarnia being present. The Second Degree was conferred by the Wor. Bro. Lowrie in an almost faultless manner, with the officers doing their work very satisfactorily. This is purely a country Lodge and is officered almost entirely by farmers. Although a little late in starting, the evening was one of a great deal of enjoyment. The Secretary has his books in good order.

St. John's Lodge No. 81, Mt. Brydges.

April 27th, I made my last official visit to St. John's Lodge No. 81, accompanied by the Wor. Master and several Brethren from Moore Lodge. I was given a warm welcome by the large number of members and visitors from sister Lodges which were present. The Third Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Blake C. Steer and his officers in an almost faultless manner. This Lodge is looking after their Brethren who are in need of financial assistance in a fine and creditable manner.

The real Masonic spirit seems to prevail in this Lodge. The Secretary has his books in good order. After the Lodge was closed down a social hour was spent, when several short addresses were given by the visiting Brethren.

In conclusion, permit me to say that there is maintained a very high standard in the work and that the condition of Masonry in Sarnia District is excellent.

I wish to thank all the Brethren who accompanied me on my visits to the various Lodges and I also desire to express my thanks to the Brethren of the District for the many kindnesses extended to me during the year, which has been a most pleasant one and which will always remain in my memory as one of the very happiest of my Masonic life, and I can only wish for my successor the same consideration,

loyal support and brotherly love which was so cheerfully extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY P. KENT, D.D.G.M.,
Sarnia District.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District for the past Masonic year.

It is only fitting that I should first express my deep and sincere appreciation of the high honor which the Brethren of this Masonic District conferred on me, in electing me as their representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and it is with pleasure that I can here testify to the splendid way in which the Masters throughout the District co-operated with me, and also to the universal kindness and courtesy shown to me during my tenure of office.

As South Huron District has thought that it would conduce to the more effective handling of Masonic affairs to have the same District Secretary from year to year, I reappointed V. Wor. Bro. Denroche of Stratford Lodge No. 332 as District Secretary, and I am glad to say that he has officially handled the duties which devolved on him in a manner highly creditable to himself and beneficial to the District.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I appointed W. Bro. McGoun of Irving Lodge as District Chaplain. At his suggestion, I arranged for a District Divine Service, which was held on June 6th in Holy Trinity Church, Lucan, when we were indeed fortunate to secure the Grand Chaplain, R. Wor. Bro. Canon Perkins, as the preacher. From the many favorable comments by the Brethren on this somewhat new procedure, I am led to hope that it may possibly become an annual event.

It is with regret that I report that during the year South Huron District has suffered a distinct loss in the death of R. Wor. Bro. Malcolm of Tecumseh Lodge, for of him it may truly be said, that he always tried to live up to and teach those great principles of our Order: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We mourn his loss.

The condition of Masonry throughout the District is most excellent, and it is with a justifiable pride that I found the ritualistic work in the various lodges in nearly every instance given accurately, and which I think is more commendable, given with expression, which shows that the Masters and officers have a proper conception of their duties and are imbued with the spirit of Masonry.

At nearly every official visit I have stressed the need of Masonic education and urged upon the Brethren that Masonic libraries be placed in every Lodge and that instructive talks be given from time to time on Masonic subjects.

One of the very pleasant features of my term of office was the cordial and fraternal relationship which existed between R. Wor. Bro. Love of London District and myself. Visits were interchanged and, on his kind invitation, the District Chaplain and myself attended the reception given to M. Wor. Bro. Rowland and R. Wor. Bro. Martin by the Masons of London District, and the addresses given on that occasion will live long in my memory.

Official Visitations

On Sept. 28th, 1925, I made my first official visit to Zurich Lodge No. 224, Hensall, accompanied by a number of Brethren from Irving Lodge. The Entered Apprentice Degree work was good, considering that this was practically the first time W. Bro. Britnell occupied the East. W. Bro. Hemphill makes a very efficient Secretary, his books being in good shape and dues well paid up. R. Wor. Bro. Aberhart, V. Wor.

Bro. McLennon and other Brethren from Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, were present.

Elma Lodge No. 456, Moncton, was visited on Oct. 15th, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Third Degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner. In W. Bros. Hobbs and Chalmers they have two excellent preceptors, who carefully guard the Landmarks of Masonry.

On Nov. 6th, the official visit was made to Clinton Lodge No. 84, where I had the pleasure of seeing the Initiatory Degree conferred in a most accurate and impressive manner. The principal officers are very enthusiastic and the floor work of the Deacons was above criticism. Past Master Ford is a pillar of strength to Clinton Lodge. The Lodge room is tastefully decorated and the lighting of it is unique.

On Nov. 11th, I visited Stratford Lodge No. 332. Stratford, where for the first time since I assumed office I inspected an exemplification of a Degree where the musical ritual was used and which added a great deal to its impressiveness. W. Bro. Denroche and his officers are keen, bright young men, enthusiastic in the work, and certain to advance the interests of Masonry. V. Wor. Bro. Denroche, Sr., is a very efficient Secretary, and the Lodge is in good financial condition.

My visit to Doric Lodge No. 233 was made on Nov. 24th, where the Parkhill Brethren gave me a most cordial welcome. W. Bro. Laughton and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in a most satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Young, the Secretary, has his books in excellent shape. The Past Masters are regular attenders and contribute a great deal to the effective working of the Lodge.

On account of the very severe winter and the almost impassable roads, I did not deem it wise to make any visits until March 29th, when I made my official inspection of Granton Lodge No. 483, Granton,

where, in spite of the bad roads, I was greeted by a large number of Brethren. This was an exceptionally pleasant evening for me, as the Wor. Master, Dr. O. Mitton, is a personal friend and confrere, and the exemplification of the Fellowcraft Degree by him and his officers evidenced that they had given earnest effort to make their Ritualistic work as accurate as possible. Splendid addresses were given and every brother who was present felt that his evening was well spent.

On April 1st, I visited Craig Lodge No. 574, Ailsa Craig, when W. Bro. Bell and officers conferred the Second Degree. While this is a young Lodge, yet they are very enthusiastic and aim to do correct work. The Degree was well conferred and deserves commendation. W. Bros. Adams and Singleton are well informed Masons and take a very active interest in the Lodge. At various times during the year there have been given Masonic addresses by well-skilled Brethren, a practice which I think would be in the general interests of Masonry if all the Lodges would adopt.

My visit to Lebanon Forest No. 133, Exeter, was made on April 16th, when the First Degree was conferred in a most exemplary way by W. Bro. Pryde and his able staff of officers. Lebanon Forest Lodge is known throughout the District for its accurate and impressive Ritualistic work, and the officers this year have certainly maintained the high standard of efficiency set by their predecessors. The East was well filled with Past Masters and the address given by R. Wor. Bro. Sheppard was as instructive as it was enjoyable.

On April 22nd, I made a joint inspection of St. James' Lodge No. 73 and St. Mary's Lodge No. 493, both of St. Mary's. On account of the illness of W. Bro. Whaley, Master of St. Mary's Lodge, I consented to this dual inspection. The opening and closing in the three Degrees was well done by the officers of St. Mary's Lodge, while the rendition of the Third Degree by Wor. Bro. White and his very capable officers was

most excellent. The use of the musical ritual added materially to the solemnity of the work. R. Wor. Bro. Richardson, P.D.D.G.M., was present and did me the honor of introducing me to the joint Lodges.

Tudor Lodge No. 141, Mitchell, was officially visited on April 27th, when the Initiatory Degree was exemplified in a manner most praiseworthy. R. Wor. Bro. Porterfield, P.D.D.G.M., is a very active member and a wonderful help to the Lodge. W. Bro. Race of Brantford gave an able and instructive address on "King Solomon and His People."

On May 3rd, I paid my official visit to Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, where I was greeted by a large attendance of the members and visitors. The First Degree was conferred in an almost flawless manner by W. Bro. McKellar and his officers, indicating that much practice must have been given to achieve so excellent a rendition of the work. The books are in excellent shape, due to their very efficient Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Aberhart.

I officially visited Maitland Lodge No. 33 on May 11th. The Degree work inspected was that of Fellowcraft, and the way in which the work was done by W. Bro. McKay and his officers deservedly called for congratulations. Particular mention should be made of the candidate, who was an ideal one in every respect. Their Lodge room is beautiful and well appointed and is an inspiration to the officers to do good work.

On May 21st, I made a visit to Tecumseh Lodge No. 390, Stratford, the largest Lodge in the District. W. Bro. McCallum and his officers conferred the First Degree in a manner which left no room for criticism, so commendation was most deservedly given. The Lodge is fortunate in having as members so many Past Grand Lodge Officers as well as R. W. Bro. Copus, who maintained a very active interest in all Masonic affairs. At the banquet we were most favored by an address given by Bro. Hunniset of

Toronto on "World Conditions of the Present Time," which was very interesting and instructive. The Lodge is strong financially as well as numerically.

On Empire Day, May 24th, my official visit was made to Milverton Lodge No. 478, Milverton, where I was made most welcome by W. Bro. Ranney and W. Bro. Lewis and their Brethren. The First Degree was exemplified in a most efficient manner by the Wor. Master and his officers.

W. Bro. Siegner is an excellent Secretary and the books are well kept. The Brethren are to be congratulated on their nice commodious Lodge rooms.

My official visit to Morning Star Lodge No. 309, Carlow, was made on May 27th. In this Lodge zeal for Masonry and faithful attendance is markedly shown; some of the charter members still maintain their active interest in the Lodge. The Master was unavoidably absent, but the Wardens and Acting Master exemplified the First Degree very creditably. Maitland Lodge was well represented among the visitors present.

On June 3rd, I made my official visit to my mother Lodge, Irving No. 154, Lucan, which was of course my banner night of the year. The Brethren of the surrounding Lodges turned out in such numbers that it was impossible for the officers to exemplify any Degree satisfactorily, and as I had an opportunity during the year to observe their work, after the ruling Grand Lodge officers had been received I requested the Master to close down and adjourn to the banquet hall. R.W. Bro. Love, D.D.G.M., London District, R.W. Bro. May, Grand Registrar, and a number of Past Grand Lodge officers were present, as well as a large delegation of Brethren from London. The banquet was held in the Stanley Opera House, where a most enjoyable social hour was spent and able and inspiring addresses, music and humor kept the interest keyed up till "Auld Lang Syne" was heartily sung by all.

A novel feature was the presentation to R.W. Bro. Love and myself of the "Smoking Tools of a Mason," which was made by the officers of Irving Lodge.

During the year Irving Lodge raised their dues, which I think was a wise move.

My final visit was made to Tavistock Lodge No. 609, Tavistock, the youngest Lodge in the District, and I was more than pleased with the enthusiastic spirit displayed. W. Bro. Siegner is a capable Master, and the Third Degree was conferred in a most efficient manner, the officers proving themselves well skilled in their respective stations.

In conclusion, I want to thank again the Officers and Brethren of the District for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me at all times and for their loyal co-operation and help in all things pertaining to the District. Particularly I thank W. Bro. Chown of Irving Lodge, who so kindly accompanied me on nearly all my official visits.

When I undertook the duties of my office, it was with many doubts and misgivings, but I have endeavored to give the best service possible and have been more than repaid in the new friendships formed and the meeting of the splendid, whole-hearted men who make up the District of South Huron.

Fraternally submitted,

T. D. ORME, D.D.G.M.,
South Huron District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

In accordance with my duties as District Deputy Grand Master, report is herewith submitted for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1926.

Any Mason might justly feel proud to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in St. Lawrence District, and in my case the honor feels the greater because of the fact that Evergreen Lodge No. 209, in which it is my privilege to hold membership, was attached to Ottawa District until three years ago, when it was transferred to St. Lawrence. Thus it was an act of fine Masonic courtesy in electing to the office of D.D.G.M. one who was a comparative stranger to the District, and it must be taken as a token of Masonic fellowship and goodwill.

St. Lawrence District occupies the greater part of the Counties of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, one of the most favored portions of Eastern Ontario, bounded on the south by the majestic St. Lawrence River and on the north by the noble Ottawa. In this prosperous area live a contented, happy and law-abiding people in city, town, village and countryside. From these sources the membership of our Masonic Lodges is drawn, and it is notable that the very best elements of citizenship come to our doors. At a meeting of the Educational Association of Lanark County held recently in the town of Perth, every speaker of the evening was a member of the Craft, the professor who led the children in song, and the leader of the orchestra, with the writer as a humble member of the first violin group. The membership is approximately 2700 at the present time, with every Lodge showing increase over last year.

There are 18 lodges in this District, officered by fine types of Masons, men who are sincerely desirous of rendering themselves more serviceable to their fellowmen. The members are loyal to their executives, at ordinary meetings the attendance is up to the general average found elsewhere, and on special occasions when numbers are required, no difficulty is experienced in crowding the side benches. Sincerity in mastering the ritualistic ceremonies is manifested by the officers on the official visit of the D.D.G.M. by a certain form of temerity or nervousness which may be interpreted as a feeling of responsibility that the work be well done. This is a good sign, and promises more for the future well-being of the Craft in this District than if one were to meet a careless attitude in the exemplification of our ceremonials.

Launched into this atmosphere and these surroundings by election at the Grand Lodge meeting at Hamilton last July, the experience caused me serious reflection, which resulted in the selection of good men to assist me, and in the arranging of a schedule of visits at the earliest possible moment, so as to become acquainted with the District and conversant with its policies. Without hesitation there came to my right hand Wor. Bro. Frank V. Buffam, the veteran Secretary of True Britons Lodge, Perth, who consented to act as District Secretary, and Bro. H. H. Bedford-Jones, who consented to act as District Chaplain. Both of these gentlemen were invaluable in giving me advice, and assisting in many ways known only to those who have held such offices. It gives me pleasure to acknowledge my earnest gratitude for this friendly help.

A schedule was arranged with the view of completing Lodge visitations within the calendar year and keeping the remainder of the Masonic year open for special work. This worked out admirably and generally proved acceptable, only a few Lodges desiring changes in dates.

These changes did not interfere with my work in

any way and were made after mutual understanding between the officers of the Lodges and myself.

Past Masters' and Wardens' Association.

This Association has a wonderful record for large and harmonious meetings. Two have been held during the year, one at Merrickville last September and one at Perth on June 16th. At the September meeting the election of officers takes place. Matters of Masonic interest are also discussed at these meetings, and usually some outstanding speaker to make an address. At the Merrickville meeting Prof. Austin of Queen's University gave an instructive and interesting talk on "The Relation of Freemasonry to the French Revolution." Prof. Austin is a fluent speaker, well informed on subjects of Masonic color, and presents his matter in a fascinating way. Stepping aside from the more serious strain, he possesses a fund of droll and humorous sketches that set the table in a roar. At the June meeting we had Col. W. N. Ponton of Belleville, P.G.M. He gave us a most delightful talk, and, although he had warned me to pull his coattail when 40 minutes were up, the signal never came, and he went on for an hour and a half in his most effective manner. The meeting sat in rapt attention, the greatest tribute an audience can pay to a speaker. At the June meeting choice is made of a candidate for the office of D.D.G.M. This seems to be a good plan, for the reason that at these Association meetings there is a more representative attendance than could be hoped for at any Grand Lodge meeting. When the delegates go to Grand Lodge they know the mind of the District, and all that remains is to go through the formality of election. V. Wor. Thomas Guest is the efficient Secretary and to him much of its success is due.

Special Meetings

On May 7th the Most Worshipful the Grand Master graced the District with his presence at Brockville, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Right Wor.

Bro. Logan and Right Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Chairman of the Board of Benevolence. On this occasion Sussex and Salem Lodges held a joint emergent meeting, at which the First Degree was exemplified in a dignified and impressive manner. This was witnessed by about 300 Masons from all parts of the District, the Lodge choirs singing the musical parts of the ritual and the candidate entering upon his apprentice duties with keen interest. Following the Lodge room exercises, the banquet hall was invaded, and there followed several hours of good-fellowship in song and speech. The utterances of the Grand Master fell upon responsive hearers as he clearly outlined what he deemed the true mission of Masonry and the duties of its individual members. The Grand Secretary spoke in great form, his facetious reference to the three pillars, "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty," evoking hearty laughter. His suggestions for better Masonry were thoughtful and helpful. Wor. Bro. Dargavel gave a very sincere address on higher ideals and nobler thought that lead to good citizenship, and these were to be found in the lessons that Masonry taught. The distinguished visitors were introduced to the Lodge by R.W. Bro. Geo. Dewey and V.Wor. Bro. Guest and Right Wor. Bro. Geiger. The honors of the evening were divided equally between Sussex Lodge and Salem Lodge, Wor. Bro. Kennedy and Wor. Bro. Currie each assuming part of the work. We were pleased to see at this meeting Right Wor. Bro. John B. Pinkerton, of Kingston District, who motored over from Elgin, and who was received with the hand of good-fellowship.

Past Masters' Nights

Many Lodges hold Past Master Nights, at which the work is done wholly by Past Masters. This keeps up interest in the minds of those who have gone through the chairs, and enables the younger Masons to observe if they are able to improve upon the work of their predecessors. It was my good fortune to attend a number of these meetings, notably those of True Britons Lodge, Perth, and St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls.

Ladies' Nights

The ladies are good to the Craft. In many ways they help us along, and it must be admitted that upon occasion we stay rather late at Lodge while they stay at home a "wearying for you." Many Lodges recognize this, and have once a year a Ladies' Night. These usually consist of entertainments according to the individual notion of the Lodge. It was my pleasure to attend a number of these, one at Perth and two at Smith's Falls. The ladies were delighted with this form of recognition. In all cases the entertainment was of a high class and cultural nature. Musicians, speakers and entertainers of recognized ability presented programmes of wonderful variety and charm, the supply of talent coming largely if not wholly from Masonic ranks. St. Lawrence District ranks high in this regard, and if you refuse to believe me, ask Wor. Bro. Herity of Belleville, or Col. W. N. Ponton, P.G.M.

Inter-Lodge Visits

Encouragement has been given to this form of fraternizing, each Lodge choosing its own visitation. In some cases Lodges went outside the District. On one of these visits, that of St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls to Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa, my desire to be present was so great that a distance of 150 miles had to be covered for me to reach the Capital. Wor. Bro. Allport, of St. Francis, led in the work of the First Degree, with his incomparable officers. They created a wonderful impression, and Prince of Wales admitted there were more things in Heaven and earth than they had dreamed. Elsewhere in the District these visitations have been held, and always with good results.

Attending Divine Service

Nearly all the Lodges in this District attend Divine Service in a body once a year. As they usually come about the same time of year, it was only possible for me to attend three, Evergreen Lodge at Lanark on Sunday, June 13th, True Britons at Perth on June 29th and St. Francis and Osiris at Smith's Falls June

27th. These services were largely attended and helpful sermons delivered by Reverend brothers of the Craft. A very thoughtful act at the Perth meeting was the presentation to the Lodge of a white rose for each member, worn to church, the gift of Wor. Bro. John A. Kerr.

Brief Summary of Official Lodge Visitations

Otter Lodge, Lombardy, Sept. 25th. Although this was a busy season for farmers, and many members had to travel long distances, 90 per cent. of the membership were present. The Lodge own their quarters, and intend in the near future to improve the rooms, and perhaps get electric light to supplant the present system. The building is insured for \$500. Secretary O. W. Wright has been four years in office, a careful, painstaking officer. Treasurer House reports \$138.00 in the Treasury. Bro. Preston of Kemptville was present.

The Wor. Master, Bro. Joynt, assisted by Wor. Bro. Lockwood and officers, exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable manner. The Junior Warden's lecture was well done, showing careful study and close preparation. This Lodge has good prospects, and since my visit has received a number of members, all good material. The larger Lodges of the District should visit Otter Lodge as often as possible, the members of which would appreciate this friendly interest. There is a wide field for expansion in a community of men of good report.

Wor. Bro. Gregg and Bro. Jack McDonald of Evergreen Lodge accompanied me on this visit.

Crystal Fountain, North Augusta, Sept. 30th.—A fine temple here, owned by this Lodge. It is valued at \$10,000 and stands a monument to the progressive ideas of our Brethren. Wor. Bro. Ackland and Secretary W. W. Bobier are a splendid team to set the pace for the membership. Here, as at Lombardy, the season was busy, corn cutting in progress all around.

But the attendance developed from a few to a well-filled Lodge room. The candidate slated for the evening was unable to attend, and a dummy candidate was substituted for the purpose of allowing the officers to present the essentials of the work. This was done in a satisfactory manner, and satisfied me that these officers are competent in any part of the ritual, conforming to the standard of Grand Lodge. Wor. Bro. Mervyn Hicks and Bros. W. E. Thornton and Kinloch were my companions in and from Perth.

Rising Sun. Athens, October 1st.—Wor. Bro. Hutchinson, Buffam and Hope and Bro. Strike escorted me to Athens this date, through the miasma of Plum Hollow, and along unknown paths until we reached the walls of the classic city. All the pride and chivalry of Masonry in and around Athens were present. Well appointed rooms invite one within, and here are to be found expression of the tastes and hobbies of the members in a unique setting. The Lodge room was crowded to the doors, and the spirit of Masonic fellowship created an atmosphere in which one felt completely at home. No candidate was available for Degree work, but the Wor. Master very willingly gave a demonstration of his ability to confer, and gave convincing proof that he was conversant with the ritual in its various phases. Wor. Master A. E. Watt wielded the gavel at my official visit, but since then the emblem of authority has been taken up by Wor. Master Stewart L. Snowden. Athens is an ancient home of the Craft; she has lost none of her zeal with the passing of years, and the way is clear for future development.

Central, Prescott, Tuesday, Oct. 6th.—Introduced into this stately temple by R.W. Bro. Fleming and W. Bro. E. A. Baynham, one could sense at once an atmosphere of Masonic good-will. D.D.G.M.'s are human, and feel as others do the thrill of an enthusiastic welcome. Wor. Bro. George A. Skinner of Birch Cliff Lodge, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. B. Pinkerton of Simpson Lodge 157, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hicks of True Britons and Very Wor. Bro. Guest of Mount Zion 28

were present, with a large attendance of officers and members. Wor. Bro. W. S. Johnston was at his best in the exemplification of the Degree work. Bro. Ward Jones proved himself an exemplary candidate for the Second Degree, conferred with faultless technique, and sincere meaning woven into the lessons. Central is built upon substantial Masonic foundations and can be depended upon for the highest expression of Masonic ideals.

Macoy, Mallorytown, Oct. 26th.—In a Masonic house by the side of the road, Macoy is the home of a splendid group of Masons. Wor. Master J. H. Fawcett extended a warm welcome, and displayed a readiness to do anything desired of him that would demonstrate his own and his officers' fitness to rule the Craft in this unit. He handled the routine with facility, raised the Lodge to the Second and Third, and gave all the evidences required to satisfy me that he was a well-skilled brother and very excellent officer. A fine fraternal spirit is shown here amongst the Brethren, and such an institution must operate for good in this thriving little community.

Harmony, Delta, Oct. 28th.—Reached Harmony in a snow storm. But the Brethren were there. What a cosy little Lodge, and the rooms display certain unique articles of furniture, made by one of the members. There was no Degree work this night, which caused me some regret as Delta is noted for good work, and it would have been a pleasure to witness the exemplification of a Degree. In such cases it was always my plan to find out by other means if the officers are proficient, and this enables me to report that Delta is one of the best Lodges in the district, officers and members keen and alert, and doing splendid service in their masonic sphere.

Mount Zion, Kemptville, Oct. 30th.—One of the older Lodges of the District, but though old in years, ever young in Masonic spirit. Introduced by Rt. Wor. Dr. Patterson, one of the most popular Masons in St. Lawrence, it was little wonder that Wor.

Master Bro. J. L. Medcalf received me so graciously. The Lodge room is well appointed, and from the cosiness of the place this cold October night, one can readily understand that the Fuel Committee does its work well. Kemptville has traditions that inspire the present generation, and it was our good fortune to witness evidences of work of a higher order. All is well in Mount Zion. A tower of strength there is Very Bro. S. H. Guest. Recently this fine Mason has initiated his son and partner, which gives added point to the fact that Mount Zion looks for quality in its membership.

Osiris, Smiths Falls, Nov. 6th.—Softly one's foot falls in this gentle home of the Craft. Introduced by Right Wor. Bro. W. Ferguson, Wor. Bro. Callan beckoned me gracefully to the East. The Second Degree was done in a faultless manner, with musical accompaniments. Wor. Bro. Callan is painstaking. He bears a spotless reputation in the District as man and Mason. We meet outside the Lodge frequently, and in all respects, apart from our warm friendship, which is valued highly by me, he is a credit to the order. Very commendable is the mark placed upon the work done this evening. Osiris is younger in Masonic experience than her elder sister, St. Francis. The two Lodges work in harmony. With men like Right Wor. Ferguson, my predecessor, this unit may be safely depended upon to write Masonry in large and noble letters in the future of Smiths Falls.

Lyn, Lyn, November 24th.—Right Wor. Bro. Brown lives here. And that fact has a meaning all its own. A sincere and hearty reception was accorded me, and it was very gratifying to see the rapt attention given the lessons it was my endeavor to impart. This was a very enjoyable visit. Well informed officers manage the affairs of the Lodge, the members display strict decorum, and the work would satisfy the most particular conforming to the standards laid down by our Grand Lodge. The members were keenly interested in the correct wording of the obligations.

Lansdowne, Lansdowne, November 26th.—What crowds of Masons gather here. Upstairs the ante room was chocked to the door. We were rather late in arriving, as the mileage was long and the way uncertain. With Dr. Mackie in the chair the Lodge gave me a presentation of the First Degree, showing himself and officers masters of their duties. One can not hope to find a more hospitable unit of Masons. They do their work well, they treat strangers well, and they are so happy themselves that they cannot refrain from bestowing happiness on others. Lucky Lansdowne, your Masonic life is set in pleasant places.

St. Francis, Smiths Falls, November 27th.—The quality home of Osiris and St. Francis. This is the first year Smiths Falls Masons have enjoyed these beautiful quarters. The spacious Lodge room, the soft tones on the walls, the chaste appointments, one feels the impulse to speak gently in this place. Wor. Bro. Jackson had a Third Degree for me. It was a sublime Degree, sublimely done. And the soft cadences of the choir lent their full part to the impressiveness. Wor. Bro. Fluker holds the secretarial chair, faithful, friendly and ever ready with hand and heart to do his share.

Nation, Spencerville, December 4th.—Right Wor. Bro. Patterson of Kemptville, motored me to Spencerville, accompanied by Wor. Bro. McLenaghan of Mount Zion. This temple is owned by the members of Nation, a beautiful, substantial building, emblematic of the fine energy of Spencerville Masons. There was a good attendance, and although no Degree work the Lodge was raised into the Second and Third Degrees in a very able manner. Membership shows excellent quality in this Lodge, and the Brethren are knit by common interests and ideals that cultivate harmony and promote peace. Wor. Bro. Barnard introduced me.

Merrickville, Merrickville, December 29th.—Rt. Wor. Bro. Magee and Right Wor. Bro. Watchorn

live here and give strength to Merrickville. It is one of the older Lodges of the District, and has an individuality all its own. The Lodge room is very neat and comfortable, the walls covered with enlarged photographs of Past Masters, and although it is not as large as some Lodge rooms we have visited, it cannot be excelled for attractiveness. Merrickville is active and progressive. Members are chosen with care, and from the supply of material available there has been selected membership highly creditable to the Craft. On the night of my visit the Wor. Master had been installed only a few nights before, yet he put on the Third Degree in a manner not equalled in the District.

Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, December 1st.—My home Lodge. Here my introduction was taken care of by Wor. Bro. S. H. Gregg. A large delegation of members from True Britons Lodge, Perth, accompanied me. Professor Austin of Queen's University, was also present, and edified with his talk on Masonry in the Old Land, drawing comparisons between the rites there and here. The character of the work carried on by W. Bro. E. P. McLaren is worthy the son of a distinguished Craftsman, the late V.W. Bro. David McLaren. Evergreen Lodge has the only true Masonic altar in the district. Membership is drawn from a wide territory which at times of the year when roads are bad militates against the attendance. The prospects of Evergreen are good, the officers do conscientious work and are particularly keen in the practice of benevolence. Ritualistic work is carefully prepared and accurately presented. All is well in Evergreen.

Sussex and Salem, Brockville, February 8th.—Introduced to the fraternity here by Rt. Wor. Bros. Thos. Dowel and E. A. Geiger. The Most Wor. the Grand Master has already mentioned to me that these quarters are the finest he has seen in Ontario. They are certainly the finest that have come under my observation. On the occasion of my visit Wor. Bro. Kennedy of Sussex, and Wor. Bro. Currie of Salem,

shared in the exemplification of the First Degree. A Masonic choir helped wonderfully. The candidate was ideal in his reception of the lessons. The Junior Warden has mastered the beautiful lecture of his chair and delivered it faultlessly. This was an inspiring meeting, large attendance, good fellowship and keen vibrant Masonry.

True Britons Lodge, Perth, April 12th.—Rt. Wor. Bro. Hicks escorted me to the altar and introduced me to Wor. Bro. Dunne. Bro. Chester received the First Degree this night,

St. James, South Augusta, October 5th.—One is in the land of traditional Masonry here. In the centre of a fertile farming area St. James is tucked away where Ontario's finest apples grow. A very beautiful Lodge room and accessories house the Masons of St. James, and well might these Brethren feel proud of their quarters. They have spent much money to acquire all this comfort, but energy applied in this direction always does good, and it would be difficult to find a happier lot than the Masons enjoying these amenities. Rt. Wor. Bro. A. E. McKim introduced me. There was no Degree work, but raising the Lodge into the Second and Third, and the general air of Masonic progressiveness in all that was said and done convinced me that my visit had fallen upon the scene of well-informed, highly-skilled Craftsmen. Bro. Master Warner is an accomplished Mason, he looks well to essentials, and masters the minor details to the benefit of the Craft under his care.

St. Lawrence District is in a healthy state. The work is well done almost without exception, and where minor or any departures appeared from the regulation standard, suggestions were made and advice given. At every Lodge the correct wording of the obligations was presented, and corrections made in the floor work where necessary. But above all my sincere desire was to impress the Lodges with the need of more benevolence, never to let the members forget the lessons of the North East Corner.

In some Lodges there is apparent neglect in the care of regalia. It would be well to have a Property Committee in each Lodge with the especial care of regalia, collars and aprons always neat and clean, and when white gloves are required, let them be white. Also Lodges that have no lambskin for presentation to the candidate should see to it that cambric is a poor substitute. A few Lodges have a By-Law that gives each Past Master the right to a Past Master's Jewel. But a few Lodges are remiss in this respect. This is not fair to the Past Masters and is a standing reproach on the members.

A few Masons speak of the Fourth Degree. This is not good and should be discountenanced. Some Lodges have the objectionable words on their Lodge notices. The attention of these Wor. Masters has been called to this un-Masonic practice. There is no fourth Degree in Masonry.

Music in the Ritual is desirable. This was emphasized at all meetings. Most Lodges have Brethren musically inclined who could use their talent to good purpose in this direction. The study of Masonic literature has also been encouraged. In the treatment of the ritual, suggestions were made to think of it as a beautiful poem, and by rhythm, clear enunciation, emphasis, and sincerity bring out the hidden riches of the lessons.

After all meetings refreshments were served, and had one the gift of an Elia he might write a new dissertation on roast pig. Or he might soar to great literary heights in singing the praises of Spencerville Steak and Onions or Lansdowne Turkey. At all these banquets there were speechmakers, singers and entertainers and instrumentalists, the talent and genius of the Craft in these respects, each one doing his best to honor the occasion.

Let me express my gratitude to all friends who so nobly assisted me in carrying out my engagements, Brethren who furnished transportation, very

often at inconvenience to themselves, also my grateful thanks are due the officers and members of the various Lodges who accompanied me on long journeys.

My task is done. The office so gracefully bestowed on me passes to my successor. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all her sons away. Time has borne me out of office. It brings in another, and to Wor. Brother Derbyshire let me commend the oversight of good old St. Lawrence. Should the Most High spare me it shall give me happiness in memory to recall the friendly faces of my distant Brethren, to feel the touch of a sympathetic hand, and to hear the fraternal hail of welcome.

Just to be a friend of yours
And to know you're one of mine,
With a friendship that endures
And grows sweeter like old wine.
Just to take you by the hand
In the old familiar way,
And to know you'll understand
All the things I want to say.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHRIS. M. FORBES, D.D.G.M.,
St. Lawrence District.

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

Having completed my duties as District Deputy Grand Master of St. Thomas, I have the privilege, and, further, honor of submitting my report for the District.

I first wish to express my thanks to the Brethren of the District for the honor conferred upon me in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, also the Brethren who accompanied me on my visits.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. A. E. Richardson as District Secretary, who accompanied me on my visits and assisted me greatly with my work.

I have found on my visits throughout the District that the officers in most of the Lodges are very efficient in the performance of their duties, and are striving to advance Masonry in their respective Lodges. I would recommend a careful study of the Book of Constitution by the officers on their election, most particularly by the Secretaries.

At the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I had the honor to dedicate the new hall of Warren Lodge No. 120, on October 22nd, assisted by several Past D.D.G.M.'s of the District, R.W. Bro. Canon, J. W. J. Andrew and several Past Masters, W. Bro. E. A. Richards acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies, and to him is due the success of the dedication ceremonies. The hall was filled with the members of Warren Lodge and visiting Brethren.

On March 24th, Malahide Lodge No. 140 was favored with a fraternal visit from R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, when I had the honor and pleasure of presenting R.W. Bro. Logan with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate in this his mother Lodge. On this occasion we were favored with a visit from R.W. Bro. W. D. Love, D.D.G.M., London District, also R.W. Bro. J. T. May, Grand Registrar.

In conclusion may I add that my terms of office has been one of profit and pleasure to myself, and, I trust, that I may have been of some service to the District. I wish once more to thank the Brethren for the honor conferred on me, and those who so ably assisted me.

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. FREEMAN, D.D.G.M.,

St. Thomas District.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit for your consideration my report on the conditions of Masonry in Temiskaming District for the year 1925-26.

I must first express my thanks to the Brethren of the District for the honour bestowed upon me in electing me to that high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master, and for their courtesy, kindness and hospitality shown me on all occasions.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. W. J. Fuller, of Temiskaming Lodge No. 462, as District Secretary, and he has rendered me a great deal of assistance in that capacity.

The work, both routine and Degree in all the Lodges, was done in a most creditable manner and with great uniformity, showing an earnest endeavor on the part of all to comply with the wishes and instructions of my predecessors and in harmony with Grand Lodge.

My first official visit was made on Tuesday, April 6th, at Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, Timmins. Worshipful Bro. G. Irving and officers conferred the First Degree in an exceedingly fine manner. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. LeHeup. There was a large attendance of Past Masters and Brethren, and I am glad to be able to report this Lodge in a flourishing state and doing good work.

On the 7th of April I officially visited Porcupine Lodge No. 506, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. LeHeup. Wor. Bro. Johns and officers conferred the

First Degree in excellent form. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

On April 8th, I visited Cochrane Lodge No. 530. Wor. Bro. Mortson and officers were in their respective chairs. Owing to the candidate being called away no Degree was conferred, but the officers opened in First, Second and Third Degrees in a very creditable manner. From the spirit manifested by the officers and members, I am sure that Cochrane Lodge has bright prospects for the future.

I visited Abitibi Lodge No. 540 at an amergent meeting, April 9th. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The Wor. Master Bro. Kendall and officers most creditably conferred the First Degree.

Abitibi Lodge has always been noted for its proficient work and this was no exception. Their appointments are exceedingly good and everything in good order.

On the 26th of April I visited Englehart Lodge. Wor. Bro. H. G. Murdock and officers conferred the First Degree. Owing to some of the officers being out of town, they were somewhat handicapped.

My official visit was made to Silver Lodge No. 486, Cobalt, on the 3rd of May. Wor. Bro. Hawley and officers conferred the First Degree in a very excellent manner and worthy of the highest compliments. This Lodge has a large membership and is in excellent condition.

Doric Lodge No. 623, Kirkland Lake, was visited on the 6th day of May. Wor. Bro. Cramp and officers conferred the First Degree with great credit. This being the Baby Lodge they are very fortunate in having Rt. Wor. Bro. Haynes and Wor. Bro. Sullivan. This Lodge has a great future in store for it.

I made my official visit to Haileybury Lodge No. 485 on the 3rd of June, and was introduced by Rt.

Wor. Bros. Haentschel and LeHeup, and received a hearty welcome. Wor. Bro. Maltby and officers conferred the First Degree in a very able manner. The Brethren of Haileybury are to be congratulated on having such a beautiful home.

Temiskaming Lodge No. 462, New Liskeard, was visited on May 20th. Wor. Bro. T. S. Armstrong and officers exemplified the First Degree. This being my mother Lodge I wished to be particularly observant and severe in my criticism. The work was done well. This is the oldest Lodge in the District and ranks among the best. The books are in excellent condition.

I visited Elk Lake Lodge No. 507 on the 11th of June. The Brethren of Elk Lake had the misfortune to have their Lodge rooms and all their furniture destroyed by fire. At present they are holding their Lodge meetings in the Orange Hall. Wor. Bro. Connelly and officers conferred the First Degree, which was done fairly well. This Lodge is somewhat handicapped owing to the fact that a number of the officers have to drive twenty-eight miles from Gowganda to attend Lodge.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I installed and invested the officers of the following Lodges: Elk Lake, October, 1925; Englehart No. 534, November, 1925; Kirkland Lake No. 623, December, 1925; Abitibi No. 540, January 15th, 1926; Temiskaming No. 462, June 24th, 1926, and hoped to be at Cochrane No. 530, on June 25th, but owing to illness in my family was unable to attend.

Before closing my report I wish to express my appreciation to all my Rt. Wor. Brethren and all my Past Masters for their very valuable assistance that they gave me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH PENMAN, D.D.G.M.,
Temiskaming District.

TORONTO A DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

As I present to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District A, may I express my thanks to the Brethren who entrusted me with the duties of a District Deputy Grand Master in this great District—an office of high honor as the ambassador and representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and of great privilege from the more intimate association with my brethren, which has given a broader experience, a wider outlook, and a more sympathetic and zealous interest to my Masonic life. My first official act as District Deputy Grand Master was to invite Wor. Bro. Alexander Hain to act as my Secretary, and give me the benefit of his ripe experience and sound judgment in bearing the burden of duty and responsibility that the office entails, and I gratefully acknowledge that his efficient aid, helpful hints and the high place he holds in the esteem of our Masonic community contributed in great measure to the success and enjoyment of our work.

Believing that Masonry would benefit by a Lodge of Instruction, we began our work by holding a District meeting in the Annette St. Temple on November 7th. Stanley Lodge, acting as host, exemplified the First Degree, Runnymede Lodge the Second and High Park the Third, all in a most correct and exemplary manner. A committee of past District Deputy Grand Masters reviewed the work, and their comments and suggestions were so wise and helpful, so well received and so universally adopted that we found in our later work of inspection a correctness of detail and uniformity of procedure that was very gratifying.

Humber Lodge No. 305 is the second eldest in our District, with a splendid history and a vigorous present. I made my official visit on November 27th, and the large attendance, the interest displayed by the Brethren make it a safe prophecy that they will have a bright and prosperous future in their new and beautiful hall on the bank of the historic Humber. The First Degree was very correctly conferred.

I visited Long Branch Lodge U.D. on December 15th. They meet in the hall at Mimico, but hope soon to build a home of their own in the District from which they have taken their name, and from the experience and efficiency of the officers and the zeal and loyalty displayed by the Brethren their desire will no doubt soon be gratified. The First Degree was exemplified on this occasion, and receiving a cordial invitation to visit them again, we saw on June 14th the Second Degree conferred, both of which were presented to us in a manner which was very commendable and won our entire approval.

Fidelity Lodge No. 575 in its five years of history has made steady and substantial growth. I visited officially December 17th, and the Degree was conferred in a faultless manner. The finances of the Lodge are in excellent condition; there were no arrears of dues, which does credit to an active and efficient Secretary, and honor to a loyal and zealous membership.

On January 13th, Patricia Lodge No. 587 exemplified for inspection the First Degree in a manner so correct as to ritual and so impressively delivered that it was a pleasure to witness it. This Lodge is also youthful, but with a membership young and vigorous, zealous in the pursuit of Masonic knowledge and respecting the ancient landmarks, they abundantly justify their existence.

We spent an evening of exceptional interest, when, on January 22nd, we inspected the Prince of

Wales Lodge No. 630. Dr. Mackay gave a very interesting address on practical education. The First Degree was then very correctly conferred. Right Wor. Bro. Hopkins is an enthusiastic Mason and an ardent lover of his fellow man and it seems peculiarly fitting to apply to the first Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge the motto of the great little Prince whose name they have taken, "Ich Dien."

January 27th, in company with Rt. Wor. Bro. Bull, I visited officially Runnymede Lodge No. 619. It has been said that a great name is an incentive to great achievement, and this Lodge in its exemplification of the Masonic virtues, the warmth and cordiality of their friendship, together with their perfect rendition of ritual is worthy of the honoured and historic name they bear. Rt. Wor. Bro. Bull, in commenting on the work, complimented the officers on their efficiency, and said that this Lodge was filling a useful place in this Masonic community, and would no doubt play an important part in the future life of the District.

Our itinerary next led me to King Hiram Lodge No. 566, when the officers conferred the First Degree in a correct and impressive manner. With efficient officers, an enthusiastic membership and Past Masters zealous and loyal to their Lodge, King Hiram will, I am sure, continue to make steady and satisfactory progress.

Feb. 8th was the date fixed for the inspection of Transportation Lodge No. 583, but because I had a severe cold, Rt. Wor. Bro. Slade very kindly kept my engagement. He reported the Lodge as one painstaking and correct in the work, growing rapidly in membership, and displaying a vigorous Masonic vitality. It was my pleasurable experience to be present at a very splendid gathering of the Brethren of this Lodge on June 14th; Rt. Wor. Bro. Wansborough presided and the Degree was exemplified by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

I visited officially the General Mercer Lodge No. 548 on February 12th. The Degree was worked in a very creditable manner, the attendance was large, and the finances on a sound and stable basis. This Lodge is unique in our District, conceived and instituted at a time of world-wide stress and strain, when duty, sacrifice and service was on every tongue, and their insistent call the mainspring of every action, and having chosen as their name that of a man whose life and death was an exemplification of those qualities, the General Mercer Lodge should be a watchword and beacon to the other Lodges of our District and not forget "the high calling wherein they have been called."

I have spent many enjoyable evenings in Sunnyside Lodge No. 582. Their generous hospitality, the cordial and kindly welcome, and the entertaining and instructive nature of the Fourth Degree, make this one of the most popular of Lodges. I visited them officially Feb. 17th, and found that coupled with a perfect knowledge and impressive rendition of ritual, Sunnyside Lodge, under the leadership of their genial Worshipful Master, was maintaining the dignity of Masonry and the popularity they have won.

On Feb. 18th I inspected High Park Lodge No. 531. The Degree was conferred in a manner that left slight room for criticism. The minutes and records were models of neatness and accuracy, the attendance was large, and the interest displayed and general deportment of the Brethren most commendable. This Lodge is making a steady and substantial growth, is particularly fortunate in having loyal and able Past Masters, and is one of our strongest and most influential Lodges.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 565, though only six years old, is already one of the outstanding Lodges in our city. Strong numerically and strong financially, faithful in maintaining the traditions and landmarks of the Craft, and active in good works; a worthy descendant of their honoured mother Kilwinning Number Nothing.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Whealy was present and assisted at the inspection of this Lodge on February 19th. He complimented most kindly the officers on the excellence of their work and paid high tribute to the Lodge on their generous contribution to benevolence and wise provision for the future, and congratulated them on having a Secretary whose records were a model of neatness and who had no dues uncollected. His comments in the Lodge room were marked by kindness and generosity, and his address in the banquet hall, rich in Masonic erudition and inspiring in its high ideality.

Accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Ernie Barber, I visited Temple Lodge No. 525 on February 23rd. This Lodge is dear to me as the one where I first affiliated in this city and I was pleased to hear Rt. Wor. Bro. Barber's words of commendation and compliment to the officers, and to be able to assure him that Temple Lodge was second to none in the practice as well as in the precept, of those virtues which exalt our Craft in the estimation of men. Honoured and respected by all, they are holding high the torch of Masonry in our West Toronto Temple.

Stanley Lodge No. 426. Here on March 2nd, we met the grandfathers of Masonry in West Toronto, whose able sons did them honour in exemplifying the First Degree. We found every evidence of prosperity, generosity and wise expenditure in this well ordered Lodge, and feel that the Secretary, Wor. Bro. Harris, for years the careful and efficient custodian of the books, deserves special mention in our report.

Visiting Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 522 on March 9th, I was pleased to note the strict observance of established law and custom and the clearness of enunciation and earnestness of delivery, which makes our beautiful ritual so impressive. The contributions to charity were generous, the financial condition very satisfactory, the attendance large and interest evidently keen.

March 11th, we visited Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit. This Lodge has always maintained a high standard of membership and Masonic virtue, excellent in observing the spirit as well as the letter of a perfect ritual. The well-kept books show economy and substantial progress, and indicate a flourishing Lodge with a bright future. I was pleased to meet again Wor. Bro. Henderson, an honoured member of this Lodge, who had just returned from an extended visit to the land of his birth, pleased to see him still hale and vigorous, with every prospect of living for many years, an honor to the Craft and the community where he has made his home.

On March 17th our pleasant journeyings let us to Occident Lodge No. 346, where the First Degree was exemplified in a very correct and particularly impressive manner. The presentation of the Working Tools by Very Wor. Bro. Curran, 41 years a Mason, was a rare treat, and the Charity Lecture given by Bro. J. S. Williams, 86 years old and 46 years a Mason, was a lesson to be remembered by all present. This Lodge, strong financially and numerically, having a membership of 600, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 600. My visit here was made on March 23rd. The First Degree was conferred in a manner which showed an earnest and serious appreciation of the work. The books of the Lodge, edited by that enthusiastic Masonic veteran, Wor. Bro. Moull, were very neatly and correctly kept, a credit to his painstaking care. This too, is one of our younger Lodges but with an economic management, a substantial benevolent fund, and a membership young and energetic, is making entirely satisfactory progress. Wor. Bro. Sutton, the Ruling Master, is an enthusiastic Mason, able and well qualified to maintain the dignity of his office.

Mount Dennis Lodge No. 599 was inspected on April 7th. This new Lodge, though not large in numbers, is strong in the spirit of fellowship, is

economically managed, has dues well paid and a surplus over expenditure. The Second Degree was very well given, aided by excellent singing by their choir. The Fourth Degree was of exceptional interest, delightfully entertaining and of high character.

Parkdale Lodge No. 510 came next on our list of inspections, where, on April 9th, we spent a most enjoyable evening. The Lodge is in good standing in regard to membership, finances, and unanimity of purpose. It has an orchestra of its own, which contributes largely to the pleasure of their evenings and the good fellowship and Masonic spirit, which appears to animate the Brethren of this Lodge. The Master Wor. Bro. Warnock, has arranged 4th Degrees for the entire year of highest and most instructive character. The feature of this evening was an illustrated lecture, showing the beauties and resources of our own country.

Victoria Lodge No. 474, was in fine form on April 20th, when I had the pleasure of inspecting their work, illustrated in the Second Degree. This Lodge has always stood "like Saul among the prophets," conspicuous for their correct and beautiful exemplification of ritual. This night proved no exception, the work was admirable, the books and records carefully kept, the finances in excellent condition, which, with the spirit of harmony which prevails, mark this as a strong and progressive Lodge.

Melita Lodge No. 605 did excellent work on the night of our inspection on April 26th. Unfortunately, the Master, Wor. Bro. Wilson, was too ill to take the chair, still suffering, we were sorry to learn, from his trying experiences in the great war. Wor. Bro. Murdoch, an able and resourceful Past Master, presided in his absence with grace and dignity. The officers, in conferring the First Degree, showed diligence and pride in the perfect execution of their work. The finances are healthy, the membership growing and I predict for this young Lodge a prosperous future in their new home in the Yonge Street Temple.

In the suburban District, one of the oldest and most important Lodges is Mimico No. 369. It has a long and distinguished list of Past Masters. One of these, Wor. Bro. Streight, father of the present ruling Master, though well past his four score years, was an interested follower of the evening's proceedings on the night of our visit, April 7th. Wor. Bro. Major Streight welcomed and entertained us royally in their fine new hall, which is an evidence of their continued prosperity. The First Degree was ably and impressively given and in every way their work seemed to merit only the most favorable criticism.

On May 13th, I paid my official visit to Connaught Lodge No. 501, and inspected their work, as exemplified in the First Degree. Everything was well done. The Master is young and zealous, his officers efficient and the books show proper management and progress. We were given a most kindly reception and our task of inspection was easy and highly agreeable. They have a fine hall and this district should be a good centre of Masonry.

Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton. I visited this fine old Lodge on May 18th. Wor. Bro. Drinkwater and his officers exemplified for our inspection the Second Degree in a manner that merited and received my hearty approval. The books of the Lodge, kept by Wor. Bro. Fenton, show a record of twenty-five years of service without a single blot or erasure to mar the long and honorable history of Ionic Lodge. I was pleased to be accompanied on this visit by a large number of the Brethren from West Toronto, and to meet again an honoured Past Master of this Lodge and an old and valued friend, Rt. Wor. Bro. Fallis.

Accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Slade and other Brethren from Toronto, I made my visit of inspection to River Park Lodge No. 356, Streetsville, on May 25th, and saw the First Degree conferred with a correctness of ritual and attention to detail that was very gratifying. This Lodge, second in age in our

District, is fortunate in its Past Masters, who, ardent in their love for Masonry, strong in their knowledge of ritual and Masonic law and precedent, are a great source of strength to their Lodge. The present Master, Wor. Bro. Bonham, is one whose earnestness, sincerity and high character eminently fit him to win and hold the esteem of his Brethren and guide aright the affairs of his Lodge.

Receiving an invitation from Rt. Wor. Barber, I assisted him on February 22nd, in the inspection of his home Lodge, Harmony 438, where his Brethren vied with each other to do honour to their genial and deservedly popular District Deputy.

Also on May 15th, I inspected St. Aidan's Lodge No. 567, for Rt. Wor. Bro. Whealy, who was too ill to undertake the work. I was most cordially received and spent an enjoyable evening in this unique and very interesting Lodge. One source of sincere gratification during my year of office was the happy and cordial relations which existed between my brother District Deputies and myself, and I thank them for their friendship so generously extended to me and for their contribution to the pleasure and interest of my work.

Pursuant to instructions from Grand Lodge, on November 14th, I instituted Wellington Lodge, U.D. I was accompanied and assisted by many Grand Lodge officers, past and present, who, by their presence, made the brief ceremony beautiful and impressive. On June 11th, in company with Rt. Wor. Bro. Shore, I inspected the work of this Lodge, and, though so recently organized, the Degree was properly conferred. The Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Flath, is an experienced Mason, and under his able guidance these Wellington County men should become one of our strong and influential Lodges.

Also, on instruction from Grand Lodge, on November 20th, I instituted another new Masonic group, namely, the Anthony Sayer Lodge, meeting in the

Mimico hall, on the third Friday of every month. Wor. Bro. Hunter, Master, is young and enthusiastic and ably supported by that veteran Mason, Very Wor. Bro. George Brown, by the genial and kindly personality of Wor. Bro. J. Doughty and other Past Masters of strength. As I was unable to visit them again, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hall kindly consented to inspect their proficiency in the work of the Degrees.

I give his report verbatim: "In compliance with your request, I inspected the Anthony Sayer Lodge, U.D., on the evening of Friday, April 17th, 1926. There was a fair attendance of members and visiting Brethren. The work of the evening was the Master Mason's Degree, which was under the leadership of Wor. Bro. Hunter, the Worshipful Master, and was very well done. The musical part of the work was rendered by the choir of Connaught Lodge. The financial position of the Lodge appears to be satisfactory. The books show an increase of over two hundred dollars since the institution of the Lodge."

It seemed an appropriate and inspiring closing to our year of Masonic work when, on Sunday, June 26th, over two hundred of the Brethren, led by Wor. Bro. Alex. MacKenzie, the Master of Kilwinning Lodge, attended divine service at Wor. Bro. A. I. Burch's charge, St. Andrew's Church, Scarboro. For in that spot, so rich in historical interest, so beautiful for situation, the mind was led in a most eloquent sermon to revere the memories of the past, the courage and achievement of our fathers, and to see in the beauty of nature the beauty of nature's God, the Great Architect of the universe.

My work is done, and as I write "finis" to this report, so meagre of the many things I would have said—did space permit—of the unfailing kindness and generous sympathy of my Brethren, of my increased respect and admiration of our noble Order, I can only add that I appreciate fully the opportunity for service that was given me, and, if I have not been able always

to make the most of those opportunities, still I can say, with Browning,—

“ ’Tis not what I have been that pleaseth me, but that which I have tried to be.”

Fraternally submitted.

P. M. GRANT, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto District “A”.

TORONTO DISTRICT "B"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

It affords me pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "B", No. 11, for the year 1925-1926.

In doing so, permit me first to express to the Brethren of the District my sincere thanks and appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the responsible and important office of District Deputy Grand Master, also for the kind and courteous manner in which I have been received by them on every occasion.

I am also exceedingly grateful to R.W. Bro. P. M. Grant, D.D.G.M., District "A", R.W. Bro. E. W. Barber, D.D.G.M., District "C", also R.W. Bro. J. A. Graham, Past D.D.G.M., District "B", and R.W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell, Past D.D.G.M., District "B", present and past District Deputy Grand Masters, who so kindly assisted in my work during a brief period of illness, and to the Past Masters and Brethren who so often accompanied me on my visits of inspection.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary, W. Bro. James R. Bulmer, who kindly consented to act in that capacity; and I wish to thank him, not only for the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, but also for the hearty co-operation and the assistance he has rendered to me throughout the year.

In this District as in the sister Districts of Toronto, five or more Lodges have combined in group meetings, and at these gatherings were honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. These amalgamated meetings created a

deep interest in all the Lodges concerned, and were most beneficial to the Craft in general, and their influence, I believe, will continue to be felt for some considerable time.

This grouping together of Lodges was carried out with good effect, also in the country where, on June the first, eight Suburban Lodges met at a special meeting of Richardson Lodge No. 136, Stouffville. This gathering was unique in its character and most beneficial in its results. Speaking of the assembly the Stouffville Tribune of June the 3rd, reports as follows:

"One of the most successful fraternal events ever staged in Stouffville, and no doubt the largest, was held here on Tuesday evening of this week. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, was the guest of honour, and over 500 Masons from the eight Lodges of the District were present for the occasion."

The ceremony, behind tyled doors, was only brief, after which the large assembly withdrew to Ratcliff's Hall for the banquet. The hall decorations were particularly pleasing in blue and white, which greatly added to the pleasure of the evening. Toronto talent furnished a splendid musical program, and an enjoyable toast list followed the banqueting.

R.W. Bro. J. S. A. Whealy officiated as toast master, and proposed the toast to the King. R.W. Bro. G. A. M. Davison, Past D.D.G.M., proposed the toast to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the responses were made by R.W. Bro. J. S. Martin, and M.W. Bro. the Hon. W. D. McPherson, K.C. R.W. Bro. W. S. Ormiston proposed the toast to the Grand Master to which the head of the Craft made an able reply.

The arrangements connected with this gathering entailed considerable work, and the way in

which they were carried out was a source of satisfaction not only to the guests of the evening but to all concerned and reflected great credit upon Richardson Lodge on whom the greater share of the work and responsibility rested.

Another event of more than passing interest at which it was my privilege to be present was the Golden Jubilee of Orient Lodge No. 339, Toronto, on November 3rd, 1925. The officers of the evening were Past Masters of the Lodge, with R.W. Bro. F. G. Inwood as W.M. He, on behalf of the family of Thomas Martin, presented the Lodge with an oil painting of James Martin, the first immediate P.M. of Orient Lodge. Bro. Durant, the only surviving member who was present at the dedication of the Lodge, was duly honored.

The proceedings following the closing of the Lodge were unique, and the entertainment of a high order. The success of the evening's proceedings mark a unity of effort in general, and untiring energy on the part of V.W. Bro. A. M. Thorn, who, during the evening was presented with a set of Grand Lodge Regalia denoting his rank.

April the 19th, 1926, I paid my official visit to Caledonia Lodge, U.D. I have been informed this Lodge would apply for a warrant at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and as I instituted the Lodge on January 18, 1926, I was anxious to see what was being done and the progress they were making. W. Bro. D. S. L. MacDougall and his officers conferred the first degree with dignity and in a manner that was above criticism.

The J.W. Bro. Rev. D. V. Cristie delivered the lecture with eloquence, and in a most impressive manner that could not fail to impress the candidate. Commendable discretion is being exercised in dealing with those applying for membership, and they are striving to install and inspire a true fraternal feeling amongst the members.

Owing to the space it would require, one cannot give anything like a full report of the doings of each Lodge, but from an experience gathered in an inspection of all the Lodges of the District (with only a few exceptions during the short time of illness, when those who kindly took my work gave adequate accounts of their visits), I am of the opinion that generally speaking the officers and Brethren take their work seriously and are actuated in all their undertakings by the genuine spirit of Masonry.

There is manifested on every hand a brotherliness that is not only the outcome of membership in the greatest fraternal society in the world, but because of kindly natures imbued with the grace of charity and coupled with an enthusiasm which is really alive, to be of service in some tangible way. And it is certainly true that opportunities for such service are to be found in many ways in connection with the work of the Lodges and the many interests of Masonry at large.

Occasional differences will sometime crop up anywhere where there are live, independent, thinking men. The surprise is not that there are these differences at times, but that there is such a good spirit as a rule shown where they occur, so that when such is the case the problems that await solution are very easily and readily adjusted. Another feature of the District which seems to predominate among all the officers is an endeavour to be impressive and to interpret aright the teachings and meaning of Masonic truths.

It is most gratifying to report that the work of the Worshipful Masters and officers, is on the whole, of the highest order, and the work in the different Degrees is efficiently rendered in all its parts. The Secretaries are loyal and capable and their books are in good order and generally well kept. Our fraternity is under greater obligation to our Secretaries than is generally acknowledged.

The financial reports show that the demand for charitable and benevolent purposes have been fairly, and in some instances, generously met. I have endeavored to impress upon the Brethren that individual grants made by the Lodge should be as large as possible, and that it was their duty to look after their members and dependants of members who are in need, and that any assistance given from Grand Lodge was intended to supplement the grants they had made.

The increase in membership is not so marked as it was a few years ago, but I believe the Lodges are exercising caution in dealing with applications received.

I found in my official visits that the attendance of the members of the various Lodges was generally satisfactory, and also that the entertainment provided in the banquet room at the close of regular work was of a high order. The addresses given were both inspiring and instructive, and of a character calculated to stimulate attendance.

Reviewing the District therefore, as a whole, it is quite evident that Freemasonry has a very firm hold on the affections of many of our citizens. There is something in the very nature of our Craft which calls out what is noblest and best in the Brethren. Our brotherhood is more than membership in an ancient and vigorous institution; it is a real fraternity having to do with those things which are most vital to the well-being of every member and those who are dependent upon him.

As a great Society, Masonry is ever found on the side of national loyalty and is always seen as an advocate of truth and righteousness, and can be depended on in any crisis to do its part in the best interests of all concerned.

Freemasonry as I have been permitted to see it in its various manifestations in District "B", in the

city of Toronto, and Lodges outside the city, I believe fairly represents the principles and life of our noble order in the very highest degree.

In conclusion, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the faithful work done by my predecessors in office, the help afforded, and the cordiality with which I have been received by the officers and Brethren of the entire District. It would be impossible for me to put in words what would fully express my gratitude to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, for his kindly relationship, and his willingness at all times to show, by word and deed, his unselfish interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of every Lodge, without distinction, in the whole District. He was always a tower of strength, and his wise counsel on more than one occasion was a benediction to all in every sense of the term.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

J. S. A. WHEALY, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto District "B".

TORONTO DISTRICT "C"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I beg to submit, for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "C" for the year ending June 30th, 1926.

I desire to again express my thanks to the Brethren of this Masonic District for conferring upon me the honour of representing M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland in this District, and to the Masters, Wardens and members of the Craft Lodges who so faithfully supported me on my official visits and made my tenure of office most enjoyable.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Albert H. Lougheed, of Harmony Lodge, District Secretary. W. Bro. Lougheed was the first initiated candidate in Harmony Lodge thirty years ago, and a Past Master of some years standing. I cannot speak too highly of his services to this District and to the Craft in the able and efficient service he has so freely rendered, and I gladly take advantage of this opportunity to express the thanks of the District as well as pay my personal tribute to him.

I visited each Lodge in the District once officially, and many of them unofficially several times on special nights.

Following is a brief account of my official visits:

King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, on Thursday, March 11, 1926. This is the oldest Lodge in this District, and the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by the officers and Past Masters in a pleasing manner. This Lodge has many old and esteemed

Past Masters, many of whom were present on this occasion, together with a great number of visitors to do honour to V.W. Brother W. J. Hambly, who has been for fifty years a Past Master of this Lodge, I had the honour on this occasion to be accompanied by W.M. Bro. J. A. Rowland, who presented the Grand Lodge Jewel to V.W. Bro. W. J. Hambly.

Richmond Lodge No. 23, Richmond Hill.—I had the pleasure of a visit to this Lodge on Wednesday, November 18th, 1925, when the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by the officers and Past Masters. This old Lodge is carrying on the work of Masonry in a satisfactory manner and has beautiful and commodious quarters which they own.

Rehoboam Lodge No. 65.—This Lodge is to be congratulated on the manner in which W. Bro. Geo. Paton and his officers conferred the Master Mason Degree for inspection on Thursday, May 6th, 1926. The toast to the M.W. the Grand Master, was proposed by R.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, the oldest living P.D.D.G.M. of the Toronto Districts. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and the secretarial duties are ably handled by V.W. Bro. Geo. H. Mitchell.

Simcoe Lodge No. 79, Bradford.—I had the pleasure of inspecting this Lodge on Monday, April 26th, 1926, when the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred. The work was splendidly done by W. Bro. Norfolk and his officers, in the absence through illness of W. Bro. Waldruff, the Ruling Master. I was accompanied on this occasion by the W.M. and officers of North Gate Lodge, who took with them Bros. Binns and Williams, whose solos and duets were a pleasing feature of the evening.

Wilson Lodge No. 86.—I visited this old Lodge on the evening of Tuesday, January 19th, when the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred for the first time by the newly installed Master and his officers. The work was well done in due and ancient

form. This Lodge is to be congratulated on the fact that during 1925, over \$1,200 was expended by them on benevolence. The Secretary, Bro. W. L. Lawer is also to be complimented on the splendid manner in which the books are kept.

Sharon Lodge No. 97, Queensville.—M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland paid an official visit to this Lodge on April 27th, when I had the pleasure of accompanying him. The Lodge had a splendid turnout of members and visitors on this occasion, and exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree. I inspected this Lodge on Tuesday, May 25th, 1926, when the Master Mason Degree was conferred by the officers in a splendid manner. I was accompanied on this occasion by a number of Brethren from Toronto Lodges, who made a presentation to Sharon Lodge of a fine Mosaic Pavement.

Tuscan Lodge No. 99, Newmarket, was visited by me officially on Wednesday, November 11th, 1925, and the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Young, his Past Masters and officers, in a very satisfactory manner. This Lodge is in good financial condition and have fine new quarters.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 129, Aurora, was my first inspection and I had the pleasure of presenting the Regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. to my predecessor, R.W. Bro. J. G. McDonald, in this, his mother Lodge. R.W. Bro. McDonald then presented his District Secretary with the Regalia of Assistant Grand Organist, on behalf of the Lodge. The Degree of Entered Apprentice was conferred in a very efficient manner. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition and contributes a considerable amount to charity.

Rising Sun Lodge, on behalf and in conjunction with the Lodges in this District north of the city, entertained the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on Monday, June 14th, 1926, at a splendid gathering of Masons. There was no Degree work on this occasion, the interest centering around the address of

M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, who is always an inspiration to those who hear him.

York Lodge No. 156.—I inspected this old North Toronto Lodge, mother of the Lodges, which meet in the York Masonic Temple, on Friday, March 19th, 1926, when the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred in a splendid manner by the officers of the Lodge. I also accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master when he laid the corner stone of the new temple on Enlington Avenue East. This beautiful temple is being erected by the Lodges which formerly met in the hall on North Yonge Street and is a credit to the Craft.

Ashlar Lodge No. 247.—The inspection of this Lodge was one of the most inspiring meetings I attended during my term of office. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred and the work was good. The benevolent work of this Lodge, under the supervision of R.W. Bro. Curran Morrison, deserves mention. I was accompanied on this occasion by R.W. Bros. E. W. E. Saunders and A. L. Tinker, and Ionic Lodge were visitors.

Patterson Lodge No. 265, Thornhill.—I visited this Lodge on Thursday, November 19th, 1925. The work of the evening was the Entered Apprentice Degree, and the work was well done. I also attended Patterson Lodge on the opening of their new quarters which are more commodious and better fitted for Masonic work, and this Lodge is to be congratulated on their enterprise. I had the pleasure of unveiling a painting of R.W. Bro. J. E. Francis, painted by the wife of one of the Brethren. Bro. Francis was very active in the work of remodelling the building.

Zetland Lodge No. 326.—W. Bro. F. G. McLean, his officers and Past Masters, conferred the Master Mason Degree for inspection on Friday, April 23rd, 1926. The work was quite in keeping with the work of this Lodge throughout the years, the work of the Deacons being particularly good. M.W. Bro. E. T.

Malone, Grand Treasurer, presented the toast to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in a most pleasing manner. I also visited Zetland Lodge on the occasion of their annual Canadian night and spent a very pleasant evening.

Harmony Lodge No. 438.—Monday, February 22nd, 1926, I visited this, my mother Lodge, accompanied by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, who is also a member, and by the D.D.G.M.'s of the other Toronto Districts. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on Mr. Harvey Doney, son of a member of this Lodge, in a splendid and efficient manner. R.W. Bro. Peter Grant and his Secretary, reported on the work and the books. There was a splendid turnout of members and visitors on this occasion which pleased me very much.

Corinthian Lodge No. 481.—This Lodge was inspected by me on Thursday, March 25th, 1926, when W. Bro. Law and his officers conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree in a splendid manner, each officer doing his work well. I also visited Corinthian in April, accompanying M.W. Bro. Rowland, to do honor to V.W. Bro. Charles H. Corton on the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation into Masonry. Both evenings were very enjoyable.

Malone Lodge No. 512. Sutton.—I inspected Malone Lodge on Wednesday, May 26th, in the Entered Apprentice Degree, the work was well done and the Lodge is under the able direction of W. Bro. Tremayne. On this occasion I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, after whom the Lodge is named, and who is an active member of this Lodge.

Metropolitan Lodge No. 542.—This Lodge was sponsored by M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland who was its first Master and it still remains in capable hands. The work offered for inspection was the Entered Apprentice Degree on January 27th, 1926. The work of the junior officers was particularly good. W. Bro. Keevil was assisted by his Past Masters, of whom a large number turned out.

Oakwood Lodge No. 555.—W. Bro. Andrews and his officers worked the Entered Apprentice Degree for inspection on Monday, April 12th, 1926, and the work was particularly well done.

St. Clair Lodge No. 577.—The degree of a Master Mason was worked by this Lodge at the inspection which took place on Wednesday, April 7th. The Degree was an inspiration to all who witnessed it, each officer doing his work in a splendid manner. The members of the 33rd Battery, of which I was a member, were invited by W. Bro. Frisby to be present.

Harcourt Lodge No. 581.—I visited this Lodge in my official capacity on Wednesday, December 16th, 1925, and found that they uphold the dignity and traditions of Masonry in every way. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred in an inspiring manner. This Lodge meets for dinner at 6 p.m., and after a short program the Lodge is opened, the closing is seldom later than 10 p.m., a pleasant change from so many late nights. There were no outstanding dues.

North Gate Lodge No. 591.—On Thursday, Feb. 25th, 1926, I inspected this Lodge in the Entered Apprentice Degree. The friendly feeling and impressive work of this Lodge does them great credit. They do a great deal of visiting and themselves are very hospitable. W. Bro. Brown and his wardens accompanied me on practically every official visit. The Lodge is in splendid condition.

Fairbank Lodge No. 592.—I inspected this Lodge Monday, February 15th, when the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Clugston and his officers in a painstaking and efficient manner. This Lodge is well officered and in good financial condition.

Unity Lodge No. 606.—Saturday, March 13th, 1926, I inspected this Lodge when the Master Degree was conferred. The work was well done by the officers of the Lodge. This Lodge has had quite a struggle since its early days and I commend it to the

Masonic interest of the Lodges in this District. They meet on a Saturday night which sometimes makes it difficult to get the members to attend.

Golden Fleece Lodge No. 607.—I inspected this Lodge on March 18th, when the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Varty and his officers in a very impressive manner. A splendid and inspiring address was given at the banquet by Bro. Rev. D. Wallace Christie.

Grenville Lodge No. 629 was inspected by me in the Entered Apprentice Degree Saturday, February 27th, 1926. This Lodge is presided over by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.D.D.G.M., the first Master and the work is of a high order. A portion of each initiation fee is set aside for benevolence purposes. I also attended the consecration of this Lodge by M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, who was attended by a large gathering of past and present Grand Lodge officers.

Delta Lodge, U.D., was instituted by me on Tuesday, December 8th, 1925, at the request of the M.W., the Grand Master. The membership is composed of Brethren associated with the electrical industry in the city of Toronto. They have made good progress, and at the inspection on Tuesday, May 11th, 1926, conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree. The work was quite well done and the Lodge is coming along fine under the direction of W. Bro. Campbell, who is ably assisted by Bro. H. C. Powell, who is a capable and painstaking Secretary. This Lodge meets in the York Masonic Temple.

Bedford Lodge U.D. At the request of the M.W., the Grand Master I instituted this Lodge on Tuesday, March 16th, in the York Masonic Temple assisted by many Past and present Grand Lodge officers. I inspected the Lodge on Tuesday, May 18th, in the Entered Apprentice Degree. The work of this Lodge was quite up to the standard of the Lodges of this District, although this was only their second regular

meeting. The first W.M. is V.W. Bro. T. A. Lamon, who is assisted by R.W. Bro. A. L. Tinker, W. Bros. W. E. Hopkins, F. J. Graham and E. H. Richards. under this direction I believe this Lodge has a bright future.

I would say that the condition of Masonry in this large District is splendid, the Lodges are all doing good work and the future is very bright. Candidates are coming in in good numbers and are of a splendid type of manhood. The books of the Lodges are well kept, most of the Secretaries being officers many years. The work throughout is uniform and impressive. One cannot help but comment on the brotherly feeling which exists all through the District, each Lodge doing its best to uphold the tenets and principles of our ancient and honorable fraternity, and further the interests of the Craft. In this District we have had a corner stone laid, opened a new Lodge room, one consecration and two institutions, all of which show the progress being made.

In conclusion, I would like to thank those Past and present Grand Lodge officers and Past and Ruling Masters who have accompanied me on my visits to the Lodges in this District, and have been unswerving in their loyalty to me as the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master, and towers of strength to me in my official duties, and I take this opportunity of acknowledging my indebtedness. I am also indebted to R.W. Bro. C. B. Murray of the Masonic Temple, Yonge Street, for his genial hospitality and unfailing courtesy on each and every occasion.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ERNEST W. BARBER, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto District "C".

TORONTO DISTRICT "D"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor of submitting, for your inspection, my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "D", and on the work done by the several Lodges therein. For the honor conferred on me by electing me to this high office and for many kindnesses and courtesies throughout the year, I am deeply indebted to the Brethren of District "D".

Early in the year I appointed Wor. Bro. S. W. Mayhew, a past Master of Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, District Secretary, and his assistance and counsel have been of great value to me. He reports the books well kept.

I am pleased to be able to report that harmony and progress are evident in all the Lodges, and that Masters and officers are striving to perform their work in the best possible manner. Although we have not attained perfection, although errors have been made, there is evidence that the officers are doing their best to improve. The Masters of the Lodges are men of ability, able to inspire their officers with the desire to excel, and deeply impressed with the dignity and responsibility of their high office. I was favourably impressed by the quality of the candidates received. The Lodges in this District are making good progress, but there is need, in several instances, of greater care in the finances.

It has been my desire to encourage and commend earnest effort, and, while I did not hesitate to correct errors, I felt called upon to commend good work. There is a uniformity in the work of this District which is due, no doubt, to the great number of fraternal visits made among the different Lodges.

I have suggested to all the Lodges that five copies of the "Report of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge" should be procured by each Lodge, one for each of the principal officers, one for the immediate Past Master and one for the Secretary, and that sections from this Report be read at suitable times during the year. I am pleased to be able to report a very high moral tone in all entertainments.

I wish also to commend the faithful work of the Secretaries of Lodges, the loyal and efficient support of the Past Masters, and the evident care with which the candidate for advancement had been prepared. I desire to warn all Lodges that greater care should be taken in admitting visitors. It was my privilege to visit all the Lodges in the District at least once, and most of them several times.

Visits

February 10, University Lodge No. 496.—On this date I had the pleasure of visiting University Lodge and was most heartily received by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Hurst. The work of the evening was the Entered Apprentice Degree, and was exemplified in an almost faultless manner. The work of all the officers was dignified and impressive. The University Lodge has an active and loyal group of Past Masters. I was favorably impressed with the work of the evening and feel that this Lodge is doing fine work.

February 12th, Grey Lodge No. 589.—As my boyhood days were spent in Grey County, it was a particular pleasure to me to meet with the Brethren of Grey Lodge. I was warmly received by the Worshipful Master Wor. Bro. Van Every. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in an impressive and dignified manner. The work of the Junior Deacon and Junior Warden was particularly fine. Grey Lodge has a wealth of loyal and efficient Past Masters. The members are earnest and enthusiastic and a bright future seems assured.

February 19th, Tuscan Lodge No. 541.—I visited Tuscan Lodge on this date and was warmly received by Wor. Bro. Nichols and his officers and Brethren. The work was the Entered Apprentice Degree, and was performed in a manner that impelled me to commend the officers very highly. The work of the Junior Warden was particularly exact and impressive. Tuscan Lodge ranks with the best.

February 27th, Zeta Lodge No. 410.—On February 27th I visited Zeta Lodge officially and was kindly received by Wor. Bro. J. W. Walker and his officers and Brethren. The work of the Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner and in every way this Lodge shows steady improvement and a desire on the part of its officers to improve.

March 1, Ulster Lodge No. 537.—I had the pleasure of visiting the Brethren of Ulster on several occasions and have found them earnest and enthusiastic. My official visit was made on March 1st, when I was kindly received by the W.M. Wor. Phillips and his officers. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a manner that merited commendation. This Lodge is increasing in numbers rapidly.

March 4, Alpha Lodge No. 384.—Alpha Lodge was visited officially on March 4th. The W.M. Wor. Bro. Geo. B. Chapman received me most heartily and kindly. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified with a precision and impressiveness that it would be difficult to excell. Alpha Lodge has in Very Wor. Bro. Tait and Wor. Bro. Thompson two Past Masters nearing the four-score period, and yet active, keen and enthusiastic, and able to take part most effectively in the work. I am indebted to the W.M. and officers of Alpha Lodge for many pleasant evenings during the year.

March 16th, Shamrock No. 533.—My first visit to Shamrock was made early in September, when I had the pleasure of presenting to the retiring D.D.

G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. L. E. Lane, the District Deputy's Regalia. I spent a very pleasant evening with Wor. Bro. Potts and his officers and Brethren. My official visit was made on March the 16th, when I was kindly received by W.M. Wor. Bro. Willson and his officers. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. An enthusiastic group of Past Masters aided in the work. Shamrock Lodge is making steady and commendable progress.

March 24th, Palestine Lodge No. 559.—In the unavoidable absence of W.M. Wor. Bro. Gittes, I was heartily received by Wor. Bro. Dr. Brodey and the officers and Brethren of Palestine Lodge. The work was the Entered Apprentice Degree. All the officers did their work most effectively but the work of the Junior Warden was particularly well done. The Brethren of Palestine Lodge are earnest enthusiastic Masons and are making steady progress. They are to be highly congratulated on their benevolent work. There are no outstanding dues.

March 26th, Blackwood Lodge No. 311., Woodbridge.—As this is my own Lodge Rt. Wor. R. B. Dargavel kindly consented to conduct the inspection and reports that the work on the whole was well done and that the work of the Wor. Master Wor. Bro. Jas. Elder was highly commendable. I visited the Lodge several times during the year and was kindly received.

April 2nd, St. George Lodge No. 367.—At my official visit to St. George Lodge on this date, I was very kindly received by the W.M. Wor. Bro. R.W. Long and his officers. The work was the Master Mason Degree with full musical ritual, and was most ably exemplified. The work of all the officers was very fine. Wor. Bro. Long is assisted by a fine group of officers and all are alert, energetic and progressive. I had the pleasure of meeting with them several times and was always most kindly received.

April 6th, Dufferin Lodge No. 570.—I visited Dufferin Lodge on this date and was kindly received by the W.M. Bro. H. R. Polson and his officers. It was quite evident that the Master and his officers had taken great pains with their work and had endeavoured to perfect themselves in the ritual. The work of the evening was the Master Mason Degree, and was ably exemplified. The principal officers did their work well and were ably assisted by the junior officers. This comparatively young Lodge is making fine progress.

April 22nd, Mizpah Lodge No. 572.—I visited Mizpah Lodge officially on this date. The W.M. Wor. Bro. Tuite and his officers tendered me a kindly welcome and exemplified for my inspection the Entered Apprentice Degree. The work was very well done. This Lodge is now making good progress and there is ample evidence that the Master and his officers are striving to perfect themselves in the work.

April 26th, Robertson Lodge No. 292, King.—On this date we journeyed to King to inspect Robertson Lodge. We were heartily welcomed by the W.M. Wor. Bro. Geo. Halety and his officers and Brethren. A large number of visitors were present. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a manner that merited commendation. The work of the principal officers was very fine. This Lodge is making steady and substantial progress.

May 7th, War Veteran Lodge No. 586. War Veteran Lodge was inspected on this date and I was pleased to find an enthusiastic, progressive and earnest group of officers. The W.M. Wor. Bro. Rademacher welcomed us heartily and he and his officers exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree. The work of all the officers was good, and it was quite evident that they had tried hard to get up the work in the best manner possible. This Lodge is growing rapidly and has placed its finances on a sound basis. I also had the pleasure of meeting with them on the occasion of their Armistice night. Wor.

Bro. J. Watson accompanied me as acting District Secretary and reported the books well kept.

May 17th, St. Alban's Lodge No. 514.—I visited the Brethren of St. Alban's officially on May 17th, and was cordially received by the W.M. Wor. Bro. Kremer. The work of the evening was the Master Mason Degree and was performed in a very creditable manner. The officers seem anxious to get up their work in the best possible manner and are doing well.

May 26th, Victory Lodge No. 547.—I visited Victory Lodge officially on May 26th and was kindly welcomed by the W.M. Wor. Bro. Robinson and his officers. The work, the Entered Apprentice Degree, was very well done and it was apparent that the Master and officers were endeavouring to perfect themselves in the ritual. This Lodge has not grown very rapidly but it is making substantial progress and there is every indication of a bright future.

May 19th, Antiquity Lodge No. 571.—We visited Antiquity Lodge officially on this date and received a kindly welcome from the W.M. Wor. Bro. McHenry and his officers. They exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree in a very satisfactory manner. At the Fourth Degree we were favored by an address by Most Wor. Bro. Ponton. Antiquity Lodge is progressing favourably.

May 25th, Vaughan Lodge No. 56, Maple.—At Vaughan Lodge, Maple, we were met by a large crowd of visitors and were most heartily welcomed by the W.M. Wor. Bro. Cooper and his officers. The work was the Entered Apprentice Degree and was particularly well done. The work of the Junior Deacon was highly commendable. Vaughan Lodge, the oldest in the District, is making steady and substantial progress and now has a beautiful and commodious Lodge room and banquet room. Wor. Bro. Geo. Bagg acted as District Secretary and reported the books in good shape.

December 4th, True Blue Lodge No. 98, Bolton.—True Blue Lodge was inspected on this date. Through illness I was prevented from conducting the inspection but Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Slade kindly undertook the work for me and reported that the officers did the work of the Entered Apprentice Degree in a very fine manner and that books were in good shape.

January 18th, Huron-Bruce Lodge No. 611. Illness prevented me from conducting the official inspection of Huron-Bruce Lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. L. E. Lane officiated in my stead and reported that the officers did their work well. I had the pleasure of meeting the Brethren of Huron-Bruce in October, and at that time saw the officers exemplify the Entered Apprentice Degree in a very creditable way. The District Secretary reports the books well kept.

June 21st, Union Lodge, Schomberg No. 118.—My official inspection of Union Lodge was set for November 30, but owing to illness I was unable to attend. Rt. Wor. Bro. McLean of Maple, officiated and requested me to visit Union Lodge at a later date. On the evening of June 21st, W.M. Wor. Bro. Botham and his officers exemplified the Master Mason Degree. There was evidence of considerable preparation. I corrected a few errors and tried to impress on the officers the best way to bring about satisfactory results. The officers are young men who should and will improve.

May 21st, Peel Lodge, Caledon East.—On my official visit to Peel Lodge I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Belfry, acting District Secretary in place of Wor. Bro. Mayhew, who was prevented by illness in his family. We were heartily welcomed by the W.M. Wor. Bro. Sherman and his officers, and were highly pleased at their very fine rendering of the Entered Apprentice Degree. Many visitors were present from Harris Lodge, Orangeville and from Aurora, etc.

June 11th, Wellington Lodge, U.D.—The inspection of Wellington Lodge, U.D., was made on June

11th, at the request of the W.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Flath. I attended, in company with Rt. Wor. Bro. Peter Grant. The work of the evening was the Entered Apprentice Degree and was particularly well done. The work of the Junior Deacon was commended and the work of the Wardens was deserving of commendation. This new Lodge is making rapid and substantial progress under the skilful leadership of Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Flath and his staff of young and able officers.

Space will not permit me to write at length of the many receptions to the Most Wor. the Grand Master or to the many special occasions such as Armistice night, Victory night, Grand Lodge night, Irish night, Ontario night, etc., all of which were highly interesting and important occasions.

During the year I received many invitations from the District Deputies in A. B. and C. and am especially indebted to Rt. Wor. Bro. Grant for many kind acts and many helpful suggestions. I am also indebted to Rt. Wor. Bro. McLean, Maple, Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Slade and Rt. Wor. Bro. L. E. Lane. The year has been one of enjoyment to me, and, I trust, I may have done something, however small, to repay the Brethren who were so kind to me and to help the cause in District "D".

Fraternally submitted,

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Toronto Ristrict "D".

VICTORIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honour to submit herewith for your consideration my report of the condition of Masonry in Victoria District.

I wish to take this occasion of expressing my appreciation of the honour the Brethren of Victoria District conferred on me in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also of the loyal support and cordial reception accorded me at all times by the Lodges and Brethren throughout the District.

Shortly after taking office I appointed Wor. Bro. A. T. Porter W.M. of Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay, as District Secretary, and Wor. Bro. Wm. Newman of Harding Lodge No. 477, Woodville, as District Chaplain. I wish to thank these two Brethren for the support given me during my term of office. Wor. Bro. Porter accompanied me on all but two of my official visits. He has been a real help to me. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance given me by R.W. Bros. A. M. Fulton and R. W. Groves who accompanied me on several of my visits. They have been of great service in assisting at several installations. R.W. Bro. Chas. Burgoyne, I.P.D.D. G.M. has also been very kind and generous in his help.

On September 18th, 1925, I invited all the Masters and Past Masters in the District to a meeting in Fenelon Falls. Various matters of interest were discussed, and the Past Masters' Association of Victoria District was formed. R.W. Bro. C. W. Burgoyne being elected as its first president. I believe this Association will be a real help in Masonry.

During my term of office, and especially when on my official visits, I have endeavoured to correct any errors and irregularities and to impress on the Craft the necessity of uniformity in the work. I have endeavoured to instruct the various Lodges along the lines laid down by the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge. I believe all the Lodges in the District are well officered and the work well done. The prospects of Masonry in this District are good.

There have been two outstanding Masonic events in this District during the past year.

The Dedication of the new Masonic Home of Murray Lodge No. 408, Beaverton, which took place during the afternoon of October 27th, 1925. At this impressive ceremony the Most Worshipful the Grand Master officiated, and by his pleasing personality and gracious manner he endeared himself to the Brethren who were able to attend. An entertainment of real merit was given. The Brethren of Murray Lodge are to be congratulated on having obtained such excellent quarters and are to be commended on the way they extend their hospitality to their visiting Brethren.

Friday, June 4th, 1926, was a red letter day in the history of Victoria District. This was the occasion of the official visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He was accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, chairman of the committee on Benevolence. A dispensation was obtained by Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77 to hold their regular meeting in the afternoon instead of the evening. The Lodge was opened at 3.45 o'clock and the regular business conducted and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master received. Wor. Bro. J. T. Hornsby in the chair. A composite Lodge consisting of representatives from the various Lodges outside of Lindsay then conferred the Fellowcraft Degree in a very creditable manner, and the M.W. the Grand Master complimented them on their work. Wor. Bro. Cecil Smith of Harding

Lodge No. 477, Woodville, acted as W.M.; Wor. Bro. James Simms of Verulam Lodge No. 268, Bobcaygeon as S.W., and Wor. Bro. Chas. M. Callan of King George V. Lodge No. 498, Coboconk as J.W. The Lodge was closed in the Second Degree and in harmony by the officers of Gothic Lodge No. 608, Lindsay. Wor. Bro. M. S. Mowat in the chair.

At seven o'clock the Brethren and their ladies assembled in the Lindsay Armouries to the number of five hundred. The address of the Grand Master was very much appreciated. He has a way of his own in making his hearers realize that there is something in Masonry that is far more than what appears to the casual observer. R.W. Bros. W. M. Logan and R. B. Dargavel also gave very interesting addresses. R.W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, on behalf of the District, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful cedar-lined walnut chest. The Grand Master made a suitable reply thanking the Brethren.

I wish to thank the Craft throughout the District for their attendance, and the various committees and the entertainers whose work meant so much in making this meeting an unqualified success.

Official Visits

Thursday, Jan. 28th, was one of the coldest and most stormy days during the winter but the warm reception the Brethren of Somerville Lodge No. 451, Kinmount, gave me fully compensated for the efforts Jack Frost made to discourage us. R.W. Bro. A. M. Fulton and Wor. Bro. A. T. Porter accompanied me and ably assisted in the installation of the officers. From what I have seen of the work of this Lodge I have no hesitation in reporting that the work is properly exemplified in the various Degrees. I was particularly struck with the enthusiasm of the members. The temperature was in the neighborhood of 30 degrees below zero, yet there were many members who had come a good many miles.

On Friday, February 5th, I visited Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77 and Gothic Lodge No. 608, at a joint meeting held at Lindsay. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. and officers of Faithful Brethren Lodge. After the regular business was disposed of the W.M. and officers of Gothic Lodge No. 608 assumed the chairs and conferred the First Degree on a candidate. They also opened the Lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, after which the officers of Faithful Brethren Lodge resumed the chairs and closed the Lodge in the three established Degrees. The work of the evening was of a high order and Wor. Bro. J. T. Hornsby of Faithful Brethren Lodge and Wor. Bro. M. S. Mowat of Gothic Lodge, are to be congratulated on their efficient staff of officers.

Faithful Brethren Lodge is the oldest Lodge in the District and I am pleased that the members take a deep interest in and feel their responsibility to their Brethren and their dependents who have not a sufficient of this world's goods. They have been carrying a fairly heavy load of benevolence and they have recently made an increase in their dues for the express purpose of sending a deceased brother's widow to the sanitarium in Muskoka in the hope that she will be restored to health.

It has been an established custom for the D.D. G.M. to pay his official visit to Spry Lodge No. 406, Fenelon Falls, on Good Friday. In accordance with that custom, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Porter, I journeyed thither. The elements seemed to be against us as the train was stalled in a snow drift until help came. Lodge was opened in the First Degree at 5.00 p.m. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. C. W. Burgoyne, I.P.D.D.G.M. Lodge was called from labour at 5.20 p.m. The hospitality of Spry Lodge is well known throughout the District and there were a number of visiting Brethren present. Lodge resumed labour at 7.35 p.m., and the Master Mason's Degree conferred on the candidate. The work was well done, especially that of the two Deacons. It was a real pleasure to see them in action. Wor. Bro.

A. W. Robson is to be congratulated on his efficient staff of officers.

I spent a very pleasant evening on the occasion of my official visit to Harding Lodge No. 477, Woodville, on Monday, April 26th. A number of Brethren from Lindsay accompanied me. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Second Degree which was done in a first class manner. The Past Masters of this Lodge take a great interest in the work and are a real assistance to Wor. Bro. Rennie and his officers. I question if there is an older Worshipful Master in the whole jurisdiction of Grand Lodge than Wor. Bro. Rennie. Before I left I was able to congratulate him on attaining the seventieth anniversary of his birth. The prospects of this Lodge are particularly good. Many visitors were present.

Accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. W. Groves, I visited King George V. Lodge No. 498, Coboconk, on Monday, May 10th. The Lodge was opened and closed in the several Degrees. There was a short discussion on the work in each of the Degrees. Wor. Bro. A. Laidlaw is an efficient W.M. and he is ably assisted by the Past Masters and his officers. There seems to be a fine brotherly spirit in this Lodge. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Last August I had the pleasure of attending the annual children's picnic which this Lodge holds and at which between three and four hundred children were present. Children of all races and creeds are made welcome. I believe the Coboconk Brethren have the right idea and spirit as a Mason's duty is to make the world a better place for all mankind to live in.

On Friday, May 21st, accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. W. Groves, I visited Verulam Lodge No. 268, Bobcaygeon. Visitors from Fenelon Falls, Omemee and Lindsay were present. The large and well appointed Lodge room was filled. Wor. Bro. James Simms and his officers, assisted by Past Masters, conferred the Master Masons Degree on the candidate. The work

in this Lodge is very commendable. The dues are well paid up and the prospects of the Lodge favorable.

I visited North Entrance Lodge No. 463, Haliburton, on Thursday, May 20th. This Lodge has been happily named. It is truly the North Entrance of this District. Wor. Bro. Porter and I travelled there via Canadian National. The work of the evening was a Second Degree which was ably done by Wor. Bro. F. McIntyre and his officers, assisted by several Past Masters. This Lodge has very comfortable quarters. They own their own building and are contemplating an extension. I believe North Entrance Lodge has a good future.

Tuesday, May 25th, was the date of my official visit to Murray Lodge No. 408. I looked forward with a great deal of pleasure in meeting the Brethren as I had assisted the M.W. the Grand Master in dedicating their Lodge room last fall. I was very cordially received. The work of the evening was well done by W. Bro. Yule and his officers. Short discussions took place on the work of each Degree. The P.M.'s render valuable assistance and are very regular in their attendance. The attendance of the Brethren was good, a number of them coming some distance to Lodge. There was an atmosphere of brotherly love which made this a pleasant visit. A number of visitors were present from Cannington, Sunderland, Toronto and Lindsay.

Accompanied by R.W. Bro. A. M. Fulton and my faithful District Secretary, I visited Victoria Lodge No. 398, Kirkfield, on Friday, May 28th. This Lodge has recently built an addition to their rooms forming a commodious dining room. The Second Degree was conferred on the candidate. Wor. Bro. Smith and his officers being ably assisted by the Past Masters. The Lodge books and accounts are in good shape. Wor. Bro. McRae is a painstaking and efficient Secretary. The prospects of this Lodge are good. This was a real brotherly meeting and I trust will be of benefit to those of us who were privileged to attend. There

was a number of visitors from Beaverton, Coboconk, Woodville and Lindsay.

A large delegation of Lindsay Brethren accompanied me on my official visit to Lorne Lodge No. 375, Omemee, on Friday, June 18th. I always feel at home in Lorne Lodge as I have spent a number of very pleasant evenings there during the past few years. It is with the greatest pleasure I have noted a steady improvement in the work of this Lodge and the conferring of the Master Mason's Degree was well done. Wor. Bro. Corneil has a good set of officers. The books and accounts are in good shape. There were two very pleasant events took place on this occasion: The presentation of the portraits of the Past Masters of the Lodge by Wor. Bro. McCrae, and the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. McCrae, which was done by Wor. Bro. R. J. Patterson on behalf of the Lodge. Visitors were present from Cleveland, Ohio, Peterboro, Millbrook, Bobcaygeon and Lindsay.

My last official visit was to Arcadia Lodge No. 440, Minden, on Friday, June 25th. R.W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, Wor. Bro. A. T. Porter and Wor. Bro. J. T. Hornsby accompanied me. The work of the evening was the installation of the officers. I was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. Fulton, Wor. Bro. Porter, and several of the Past Masters of Arcadia Lodge. Wor. Bro. A. V. Loucks handles the gavel well and will, I believe, prove to be an efficient Master. Wor. Bro. W. Macarthur is a painstaking and efficient Secretary. The prospects of the Lodge are good. The Lodge room, though small, is well appointed. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. John Welch, whose six sons are Masons, enough to conduct a Lodge "en famille."

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Grand Lodge officers for their kindly assistance, and the Craft in general, for their unfailing courtesies and brotherly love which has been so generously given me during this, one of the most pleasant years of my life.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. HALL, D.D.G.M.

Victoria District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor of presenting for your consideration my report on the condition of Freemasonry in Wellington District No. 7.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and hearty appreciation for the honor conferred upon me by the Brethren of Wellington District in electing me their representative at Grand Lodge and thereby the honor of being the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District.

I appointed Worshipful Brother George Ford, Credit No. 219, Georgetown, my District Secretary, and to him I give much credit and praise for his untiring energy which he gave throughout the year. He was present on every occasion and on my official visits he made a thorough examination of all books and records and presented a complete report.

There is no fear for Wellington District, for after thorough search, inspections and investigations, I am glad to report that "all's well."

The brotherly love and friendly spirit which exists between individual Lodges and Brethren throughout our District is so apparent that you can feel the radiation of same as you enter their portals, so with this predominant, good work is always assured.

I have no occasion for complaint. Punctuality is practised in an eminent degree by the majority of our Lodges, and those who were a little lax, I have urged to rectify this irregularity.

There is a marked co-operation of the Past Masters with the Ruling Masters, and the useful work which they are doing in maintaining their interest in the work. The Ruling Masters are acting on the advice given in the Grand Master's address, that of providing some educational program after the Degree work is done, thereby not destroying the lessons which have been so beautifully taught an hour before, but making a lasting impression on our young members.

Let us keep the link that has just been forged bright, in the chain of fraternal embrace, by each and every one practising those precepts outside the Lodge which are forever inculcated within it.

Lodge Dues.—This is a matter that apparently does not appear to receive the consideration from our members which it should. In some cases it is a misunderstanding through the change of by-laws, but I am pleased to report that every Lodge is in a better position than last year, and since my official visits, I have received reports that outstanding accounts have been greatly reduced.

Insurance.—This matter has had special attention and I find, with one or two exceptions, every Lodge fully covered against loss.

Candidates.—I am pleased to report a substantial increase, also the very careful manner and full investigations which are given in selecting same. I find the ballot to be used both wisely and judiciously, which deserves commendation, thereby safeguarding our portals, and that the ever watchful eye of the Worshipful Master and Board of General Purpose should never relax.

Secretaries.—All our Lodges are most fortunate in having excellent Secretaries, some with many years of service, but all of good experience. Thereby all books, records and business are kept in a first class order. All honor to these Brethren who carry

on their work and support their Worshipful Masters so splendidly and keep in correct order the details of the Lodge.

I am greatly indebted to the many Past District Deputy Grand Masters who have assisted me from time to time throughout the District. They have been most loyal, and it is this loyalty and their work in the past and with the support of the Ruling Masters that Wellington District stands in such excellent condition.

Hoping that my suggestions re. notices, altar lights and other suggestions made during my visits will be acted upon; some may seem trifling, but remember "trifles make perfection but perfection is no trifle."

Official Visits

Conestogo Lodge No. 295, Drayton, October 6th, 1925.—My first official visit was made to Conestogo Lodge No. 295 when Worshipful Brother W. Hill and his officers exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree which was done in a very impressive manner, thereby fulfilling the duty imposed upon them. Dues and arrears in small amount. Insurance inadequate. Recommend an increase of this. Benevolence good. Finances good. This being ladies' night, there was a good attendance and Right Worshipful Brother Peter Perry, P.D.D.G.M., Fergus, was present and gave a very interesting talk on his trip around the world and his experiences attending Lodges in the Phillippines.

Glen Rose Lodge No. 628, Elmira, Ont., October 13th, 1925.—By command of the Grand Master I was privileged in acting in his stead to officiate at the Constituting, Consecrating and Dedicating of Glenrose Lodge No. 628, which had been working under dispensation, W. Bro. J. B. Jarrel acting W.M. Ceremony opened at 3 p.m. R.W. Bro. J. B. Wallace acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies and carried out his duties in a very efficient manner, and he was ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Peter Perry, Fergus; Rt.

Wor. Bro. C. Hemphill, Waterloo; Rt. Wor. Bro. Schiedel, Kitchener; Rt. Wor. Bro. Zieman, Preston; Rt. Wor. Bro. Penfold, Guelph; all P.D.D.G.M.'s, Wellington District; V. Wor. Bro. Hignell, Assistant Grand Secretary; V. Wor. Bro. Ross, Fergus, and other Past Masters from our District. After the ceremony, Wor. Bro. Alex Jaffray, Waverley Lodge, Guelph, presented the Worshipful Master with a set of gavels made of wood taken from the first home erected in Guelph 100 years ago. Under the care of Wor. Bro. Jarrell and his officers we can look forward to good and useful work, and we welcome them into our midst.

Galt Lodge No. 257, Galt, Ont., October 20th, 1925.—This was Past Master's night, the special night of the year when everybody expected and received much satisfaction from the work exemplified by these skilled Craftsmen.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Alf. Taylor presided. He was Wor. Master fifty years ago, and I extend to him hearty congratulations on behalf of Wellington District and myself, on the work he performed in the most able manner, without the slightest hitch, and he was well supported by Past Masters who occupied the various positions.

The members of Galt Lodge presented Rt. Wor. Bro. Taylor with a gold-headed cane as a token of their appreciation for his long and valued services, and Bro. Henselwood, a member of the Maple Leaf quartette, was presented with a reading lamp on the occasion of his coming marriage.

Most Wor. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master, was present as guest of the evening and gave a very instructive address, also commended the Masters on their work.

Galt Lodge No. 257, Galt.—Official visit November 3rd, 1925. Wor. Bro. Smith and his officers conferred the F.C. Degree, and the work was in keeping with that of the Past Masters' night, October 23rd.

The Worshipful Master is supported by a good number of Past Masters who take a great interest in the work.

Insurance good, \$3,000 jointly with Alma Lodge No. 72. Benevolence practised in an eminent degree. No assistance from Grand Lodge. Dues, very small amount outstanding.

Waterloo Lodge No. 539, Waterloo, November 4th, 1925.—My official visit to Waterloo was very pleasant and inspiring. I was pleased to find a large attendance of members and visiting Brethren. Wor. Bro. C. G. Merritt presided, and although this meeting was only the third regular meeting since its installation, he and his officers exemplified the F.C. Degree in a most efficient manner. Punctual in starting and a good candidate, who was well posted in his work, as could be expected, being the son of Rt. Wor. Bro. Cy. Hemphill, P.D.D.G.M., and Secretary of the Lodge, who took part in the passing of his son to the Second Degree. Insurance good. Dues, small amount. Benevolence good. Good financial balance. Bro. Rev. Harton of Niagara Falls, and a former member, gave a very interesting address.

Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus, Ont., November 6th, 1925.—I paid my official visit to Mercer Lodge No. 347 and I found everything in good order, punctual in starting and the work of the F.C. Degree exemplified by Wor. Bro. R. J. Chambers and his officers was very impressive and earned only commendation.

Rt. Wor. Peter Perry, P.D.D.G.M., who is Secretary, guides the destiny of this Lodge, and they are very fortunate in having such a capable Secretary. All records are clearly kept. Insurance, advised an increase in same. Benevolence good. Dues, small amount. None two years in arrears. Mercer Lodge owns a very complete Masonic library. Many instructive addresses were given by several distinguished visitors. On June 16th, 1926, Mercer Lodge held their semi-centennial which was attended by many

visitors from all over the District. Rt. Wor. Bro. Perry gave an interesting account of the formation of the Lodge, and during the evening, Rt. Wor. Hon. J. S. Martin, Deputy Grand Master, who was the guest of the evening, delivered a very useful and inspiring address. Deputy Grand Master was accompanied by Rt. Wor. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary who, along with many P.D.D.G.M.'s, extended their congratulations to Mercer Lodge.

Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora, Ont., November 20th, 1925.—I looked forward to my visit to Irvine with a great amount of pleasure because I had made acquaintance with the officers at Mercer Lodge, and it was gratifying to me to find the friendly spirit and fraternal friendship existing between them. These two are practically as one. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. W. J. Arthur, director of ceremonies and father of the Worshipful Master, and I congratulate Irvine Lodge on having not only a very capable Master but one of the youngest ruling Masters in our grand jurisdiction. Wor. Bro. Harold Arthur and officers exemplified the F.C. Degree, all in order and in good form. He was ably supported by fourteen Past Masters which speaks well for the interest taken in Lodge matters. Benevolence, a separate benevolent fund. Insurance, advised an increase in same. Dues, only a small amount outstanding.

Twin City Lodge No. 509, Kitchener, November 27th, 1925.—Unfortunately, I was ill in bed for two weeks at the time arranged for my official visit, so Rt. Wor. Bro. J. B. Wallace, P.D.D.G.M., Nipissing No. 18, now residing in Georgetown, kindly consented to take my place, and I herewith attach his report:

A good attendance of the Brethren of Twin City Lodge greeted me on my official visit to their regular meeting, November 27th. I was most efficiently and graciously presented by R.W. Bro. M. Sheidel, R.W. Bro. C. Hemphill and R.W. Bro. W. Hepburn.

Much honour is due to the Worshipful Master and his officers for the efficient manner in which the

work is exemplified, and to the Brethren of the Lodge in general for the brotherly feeling which they evidence. This, one feels, is due in no small measure to the general supervision and personal devotion to Masonry given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. D. Kleinhans, Twin City Lodge Secretary. His Lodge summons is one worthy of consideration and adoption in sister Lodges in the District. I quote one sentence on the summons:

“Look out for the visiting Brother,
see that he is made to feel at home.”

I am of the opinion that each Lodge should endeavour to choose the strongest and most capable Past Master to perform the duties of Secretary. It so frequently happens that the Brother holding the Secretary's office for one year only, carries out the duties of the office in a perfunctory manner. A discreet and tactful Past Master is therefore a tower of strength to the young Master of a Lodge.

Twin City Lodge is to be congratulated on its splendid officers and Past Masters, and I have the assurance of your District Secretary, W. Bro. George Ford that the books and accounts of the Secretary of the Lodge were found to be in excellent condition.

Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton, December 14th, 1925.—By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I dedicated the Lodge rooms and was most ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bros. R. B. Dargavel, M. Schiedel, C. Penfold, Cy. Hemphill, J. B. Wallace; V. Wor. Bro. Hignell, Assistant Grand Secretary; Wor. Bro. S. Kirk, Director of Ceremonies, and Past Masters from several Lodges. This was an important night for Walker Lodge, and the ceremony was witnessed by a good number of Brethren. Our congratulations go to Walker Lodge on the beautiful new home which they have furnished. The Lodge room was dedicated with full ritual and music, every office filled in Grand Lodge.

Rt. Wor. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.D.D.G.M., and Chairman of Benevolence, gave a splendid address on the "Virtues of Masonry." Wor. Bro. Dr. McNiven, Past Master Walker, and V. Wor. Major Grant of Georgetown, one of the two surviving members who were present at the institution of Walker Lodge, also gave many items of interest.

Alma Lodge No. 72, Galt, December 31st, 1925.—Annual Past Master's night at Alma Lodge is a very important affair and is made also the occasion of the official visit of the D.D.G.M. I was very pleased to have the support of Rt. Wor. Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary, who delivered a very inspiring address.

The Lodge was presided over by Wor. Bro. R. W. Roelofson, who was supported by skilled Past Masters. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a most efficient and impressive manner and nothing but praise and commendation could be added. It would be very hard to single out anyone for special mention without being unfair to others, only I would like to mention the work of Wor. Bro. Dr. Radford, who was Master 38 years ago. He gave his work in a clear and comprehensive manner, impressing every one present. Rt. Wor. R. S. Hamilton, acting J.D., performed his duty which was a perfect example of the work. District Secretary reports very good. Insurance good. Benevolence good. Taking care of all their immediate needs.

Alga Lodge No. 72, Galt, paid a fraternal visit to Waterloo Lodge No. 539, on April 21st, 1926, when I was present and witnessed the work of their regular officers exemplify the Third Degree, and they lived fully up to the traditions of their Past Masters.

Grand River Lodge No. 151, Kitchener, March 9th, 1926.—There was a very good attendance on this my official visit, and the Lodge was presided over in a very excellent manner by Wor. Bro. R. Snow, and he was supported by a goodly number of Past Masters. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified in a clear and impressive way.

Insurance, good. Benevolence taken care of. Books and records all in excellent shape. I have paid several visits to Grand River Lodge No. 151 and Twin City Lodge No. 509, and I am most delighted with the good work which these sister Lodges are doing and of the brotherly spirit which exists.

Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown, March 12th, 1926.—Credit No. 219, being my mother Lodge, the occasion of my official visit was a very pleasant duty and I appreciated very much, as I did on all visits, the hearty welcome which was given me. There was a very good attendance and Wor. Bro. W. H. Long, our Worshipful Master, presided, who, along with his officers, exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree in an impressive manner, which, I hope, they will maintain through the coming years. The Wor. Master was supported by eleven Past Masters who assisted in the work. All books and records are in good order. Insurance good. Benevolence, one Brother receiving Grand Lodge help, but the Lodge is giving from their funds to many institutions. Before Lodge was closed I had the privilege and honor of saying a few words on behalf of Bro. Lieut. Ed. Leslie, our only member who fell in the Great War, and then asked Bro. Col. G. O. Brown, D.S.O., to unveil the photo of Lieut. Leslie with plate suitably inscribed, which is placed in the Lodge room to his memory.

Waverly Lodge No. 361, Guelph, March 22nd, 1926.—Waverley is our largest Lodge in Wellington District, and is ably presided over by Wor. Bro. A. J. Bulgin, with a very capable staff of officers who exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree in an excellent manner, every officer taking a great interest in his work. Wor. Bro. Bulgin was supported in the East by 22 Past Masters, and the musical part of the ceremony was splendidly rendered by the Waverley Choir, and the solo is worthy of special comment. Insurance, jointly with Speed Lodge and Guelph. Dues, fair for so large a Lodge. Finances, good. Benevolence, dispensed through a local board of relief.

Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown, March 26th, 1926.—The Past Masters, ruling Masters and Wardens were entertained from all Lodges in Wellington District. After the Lodge we adjourned to the arena where a banquet was served. Most Worshipful the Grand Master, John A. Rowland, B.A., was our guest and gave a very inspiring address which was enjoyed by the large number who were present to do honor to our Grand Master.

Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton, March 29th, 1926.—I was accompanied by 14 members of Credit Lodge on my official visit to Walker Lodge No. 321. Wor. Bro. J. A. Leslie and his officers exemplified the F.C. Degree and I was pleased at the manner in which the work was done. The excellent manner in which the candidate passed through his examination proved to me that great care is given in posting them for advancement. Walker Lodge is in a flourishing condition and has a bright future. Books and records all in first class order. Benevolence good. Insurance good.

Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph, April 6th, 1926.—On my official visit I was pleased to see a very large number of Brethren present. Wor. Bro. Earl W. Hogan and his officers exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree in a manner which was a credit, not only to Speed Lodge, but to Wellington District as a whole, the ceremony being both impressive and instructive. The charges given by the P.M.'s, N.E. and W.T. and Constitutions are worthy of special note. I congratulate Speed Lodge on their complete records since the formation of the Lodge, kept by Brother Secretary. Insurance, jointly with Waverley and Guelph. Benevolence good. Dues, fair amount.

New Hope Lodge No. 279, Hespeler, April 12th, 1926.—On my official visit to New Hope Lodge there was only a fair attendance owing to civic attraction in the town. Wor. Bro. George A. Forbes and his officers exemplified the Third Degree. This was done in a very efficient manner. Nothing but praise

could be said of same. Every officer did his work most conscientiously and the Worshipful Master is well supported by Wor. Bro. Keiffer and Past Masters. The lighting arrangement in this Degree is everything that could be desired.

Arrangements are under way for redecorating the Lodge rooms which will make their home the "house beautiful." Dues, good sum. Insurance, good. Benevolence, fair. All records since formation of Lodge in possession of the Secretary.

Guelph Lodge No. 258, Guelph, April 13th, 1926.
—My official visit to Guelph Lodge was very pleasing. I was received in the same cordial manner as by Waverley No. 361, and Speed No. 180, sister Lodges, which makes you feel at home as soon as you enter their portals. Sincere fellowship extends throughout these Lodges. Wor. Bro. G. E. Eagleton and officers exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree in the usual efficient manner. The Wor. Master was well supported by Past Masters. The business of the Lodge was transacted in a capable manner.

Congratulations were tendered Wor. Bro. F. W. Darby, Chaplain, on his attaining his 40th Masonic birthday, being initiated in Guelph Lodge 40 years ago that night.

Insurance, jointly with Speed and Waverley. Dues, fair amount. Benevolence good, dispensed by General Board of Relief. After the Lodge Wor. Bro. Rev. Kenneth McLean, P.M., of Northern Light No. 266, Stayner, who accompanied me, gave a very instructive address which was appreciated by every member present.

Preston Lodge No. 297, Preston, April 16th, 1926.
—I was very pleased with my official visit to Preston Lodge. I found the Brethren very comfortably housed in a beautiful home which my predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. Penfold dedicated last year, and it speaks well for the enthusiasm in Freemasonry.

The officers exemplified the Third Degree which was worked in a very impressive manner, proving that every officer is interested in his work. Insurance good. Dues, moderate. Finances, good. Benevolence, good.

New Dominion Lodge No. 205, New Hamburg, May 3rd, 1926.—I was accompanied by a good number of Brethren from Credit No. 219, Georgetown, on my official visit to New Dominion No. 205, and it was pleasing to find on arriving there, many visitors from neighboring Lodges. The Brethren have a splendid Lodge room fully equipped to perform all work in the prescribed way. Wor. Bro. W. J. Holloway and his officers exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree and earned the approval of all present. Rt. Wor. Bro. Holloway was presented with a life membership. Insurance, recommended same be increased. Dues, fair amount. Benevolence, good.

Ayr Lodge No. 172, Ayr, May 10th, 1926.—My visit to Ayr Lodge gave me much pleasure on account of my association with my friend, Rt. Wor. Dr. Ward Woolner, P.D.D.G.M., of whom Ayr Lodge is to be congratulated in having such a valuable asset in his membership. Ayr Lodge own their building and have a very comfortable home, fitted according to traditions and in keeping with our work. I was glad to learn that conditions are improving. Wor. Bro. J. E. Woolsey and his officers exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree, and the work was good and with a few suggestions made, Ayr Lodge will do very useful work.

Insurance, good. Dues, small amount. Benevolence, one contribution. Initiation fees too low a figure. Suggested that same be increased. After the work was over, Rt. Wor. R. S. Hamilton, P.D.D. G.M., Galt, gave an instructive address on "Symbolism" which was well received

Glenrose Lodge No. 628, Elmira, May 18th, 1926.—This was my second visit, having constituted, con-

separated and dedicated this Lodge in October, 1925. I was very pleased to notice the progress which Glenrose Lodge had made during the few months of their existence.

Wor. Bro. J. B. Jarrell and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in such an excellent manner that nothing but praise could be given. In fact it was the most impressive work done in any Lodge I had visited. Glenrose Lodge has a bright future in its staff of officers. Many visitors were present. District Secretary report books in first class order. Insurance, advised an increase in same.

Lodge of Instruction, Wednesday, May 26th, 1926.—The annual Lodge of Instruction was held in the Masonic Hall, Kitchener, under the auspices of Twin City Lodge No. 509, when the following program was carried out:

2.30 p.m.—The Lodge was opened by Wor. Bro. Halfyard, Twin City Lodge No. 509.

2.45 p.m.—E.A. Degree by Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph.

4.30 p.m.—F.C. Degree by Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton.

7.30 p.m.—Lodge opened in M.M. Degree by Twin City Lodge 509, Kitchener.

7.45 p.m.—Reception of M.W. Bro. Col. W. N. Ponton, P.G.M., and other Grand Lodge officers.

Exemplification of M.M. Degree by Twin City No. 509.

There was a good attendance at the afternoon session and much praise is due to Wor. Bro. Hogan and officers of Speed Lodge, Guelph, also Wor. Bro. Leslie and officers of Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton

for the splendid work and manner in which they carried out their duty. Both Degrees were carried out beyond criticism and called forth much praise. The M.M. Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Halfyard and officers of Twin City No. 509, before a very crowded Lodge room and their work was splendid and most efficiently performed, every officer doing his part in a clear and competent manner. The work in the Third Degree was an indication of the high standard maintained in Wellington District, and I wish to express my thanks to the Masters and officers of the three Lodges who took part on this occasion. After the Lodge closed a splendid banquet was provided by Twin City Lodge, and many interesting addresses were given, amongst which our guest, M.W. Col. W. N. Ponton, P.G.M., gave a most instructive talk which was enjoyed by many members present. Many P.D.D.G.M.'s were present and spoke a few words on the work, namely, Rt. Wor. Bros. C. Penfold, M. Schiedel, C. Hemphill, R. S. Hamilton, Geo. DeKleinhans, Peter Perry, amongst whom we were very glad to see Rt. Wor. Hepburn, Preston, who served Wellington District as D.D.G.M. 44 years ago, and is now 94 years of age. I extended to him on behalf of Wellington District, hearty congratulations and best wishes for continued good health.

Before closing I wish to express my thanks to Twin City Lodge for the splendid manner in which they carried out every detail in connection with the day's proceedings. Especially would I thank Rt. Wor. Geo. DeKleinhans for his valuable services.

Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden, May 28th, 1926.—This is our smallest Lodge, having only 38 members, but none the less, holds its owns and is doing good work both in the Lodge and out of it. They are to be congratulated on their splendid home, only small, but beautiful and having only 7 resident members. The enthusiasm shown among these members is splendid. Wor. Bro. Dr. A. E. Livingston and officers exemplified the F.C. Degree and the work was good in every form, proving that great care is given

to same. The fraternal friendship existing amongst the Brethren proves same to be a happy family. There were many visiting Brethren. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Ward Woolner, of Ayr, gave an interesting reply to the toast on "Canada".

I have great pleasure in stating that the past year has been successful in every Lodge, both financially and materially. The spirit of fraternal friendship and happiness prevails throughout our District, and again I express my heartfelt thanks for the kind receptions accorded me and the support given by the many P.D.D.G.M.'s and Wor. Brethren which has made my year of office a pleasure, and profitable to myself, and I sincerely hope a benefit to Wellington District.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST Y. BARRACLOUGH, D.D.G.M.,
Wellington District.

WILSON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District for the past Masonic year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Brethren of this District for the honor conferred upon myself and King Hiram Lodge No. 78, in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M., and for the loyal and hearty support accorded me by every Lodge.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Alex McIntyre, who has given me invaluable assistance, accompanied me on all visits, and I cannot speak too highly of the splendid service and support rendered by him during my year of office. I am also much indebted to Rt. Wor. Bro. H. McQueen, P.D.D.G.M., for wise counsel and assistance whenever called upon.

Visits

Oriental Lodge No. 181, Port Burwell, November 17th.—Wor. Bro. A. N. Wright and his officers exemplified the Second Degree in a very creditable manner, the Senior Warden being particularly efficient. The presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. S. S. Clutton and Wor. Bro. Backhouse, "the grand old patriarchs" of Wilson District, helped to make the evening a distinct success. Age increases, rather than lessens, their interest in Masonry, and in the words of Wor. Bro. Backhouse, they are "still going strong." This Lodge is very much alive; the Secretary, Bro. L. W. Diehl, discharges his duties in a capable manner.

Frederick Lodge No. 217, Delhi, November 23rd.—We received a very hearty welcome from Rt. Wor. Bro. Max MacPherson, P.D.D.G.M. The work of the Second Degree was well presented by Wor. Bro. W. E. Sutherland and his officers. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation to the Lodge of Mackay's Masonic Encyclopaedia by Rt. Wor. Bro. MacPherson on behalf of the Worshipful Master. The Secretary's duties are well looked after by V. Wor. Bro. A. R. Hargrave.

Doric Lodge No. 569, Lakeside, November 25th.—This is one of the younger Lodges of the District. Very enthusiastic, the one unavoidable drawback being the lack of experienced Past Masters. Wor. Bro. James Muir and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a satisfactory manner. I do not believe there is a Lodge in the District possessing a better Masonic spirit. I predict a bright future for this Lodge.

Vienna Lodge No. 237, Vienna, November 27th.—Wor. Bro. M. R. Hotchkiss and his officers conferred the First Degree in such a manner as to bring unbounded praise from all visitors present. This Lodge is fortunate in having as Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. S. S. Clutton, whose books are a model of accuracy and neatness.

Springfield Lodge No. 259, Springfield, November 30th.—I had the pleasure of being introduced to the Brethren by two very good friends of long standing, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. I. Atkin and Wor. Bro. J. F. Harris. The Past Masters of this Lodge are very active and this was reflected in the excellent manner in which Wor. Bro. W. C. McIntyre and his officers exemplified the First Degree. The books of the Lodge are beautifully kept by Bro. M. M. Black. We had the pleasure of having with us on this occasion, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. E. Freeman, D.D.G.M., of St. Thomas District.

King Hiram Lodge No. 78, Tillsonburg, December 27th.—Took charge of the installation and inves-

titute of the newly elected officers, assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. McQueen and the Past Masters of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Buchrell and his officers are faithful and energetic, and under the watchful eye of Rt. Wor. Bro. McQueen, present the work in a very able manner indeed.

King Hiram Lodge No. 37 and St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll, January 15th.—Conducted the installation of the officers of these Lodges, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. John S. Martin, Wor. Bros. A. McIntyre and H. Sponenburgh of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, and a number of the local Past Masters. There was a large attendance of the Brethren and they were rewarded by beautiful and inspiring addresses from the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Chaplain, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. Canon R. J. W. Perkins.

These Lodges conduct their work in a satisfactory manner but are not making the progress that they should. While they have a number of active workers, there are too many of the Brethren who are indifferent and careless, and do not take the proper pride in their mother Lodge.

Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, April 20th.—Wor. Bro. Dr. A. B. Jackson and his officers exemplified the First Degree with a substitute candidate in an acceptable manner, the Junior Warden's lecture being particularly well rendered. We were pleased to have with us Rt. Wor. Bro. J. J. Parsons, D.D.G.M., of Brant District, who favored the Brethren with an instructive and thoughtful address.

It is a matter of deep regret that this Lodge, the oldest in the District, should be also the one where the spirit of Masonry is the weakest. There is a lack of internal harmony, and while I would like to be able to suggest a remedy, it is impossible—it must come from within.

Oak Branch Lodge No. 261, Innership, April 22nd.—Was greeted by a goodly number of Brethren from

Woodstock, Tavistock, Plattsville, Princeton and Innership, being introduced by Wor. Bro. Stewart, are old friends of school-boy days. W. Bro. Lockhart and his officers conferred the First Degree, using a substitute candidate, in an excellent manner. Bro. Shields gave an interesting and instructive address on "The Symbolism of Masonry."

Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover, April 26th.—Wor. Bro. Cornish and his officers exemplified the Second Degree on an excellent candidate in a very able manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. J. R. Waddle is a tower of strength to this Lodge, and their meetings are very well conducted, being made both interesting and instructive to the Brethren.

St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich, April 27th.—Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. Moles and Rt. Wor. Bro. C. Hulet do not let their interest in Masonry slacken and as a result we witnessed an excellent Second Degree conferred by Wor. Bro. T. M. Cayley and his officers; Wor. Bro. Maedel taking part of the Worshipful Master's work as his son was the candidate. St. John's Lodge is fortunate in possessing an excellent quartette and I believe will soon be employing the musical ritual.

Blenheim Lodge No. 108, Princeton, April 30th.—Wor. Bro. Slemmon and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in a faultless manner. Bro. Shields of Oak Branch Lodge, favored us with an interesting address. This is the mother Lodge of Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Donald Sutherland, and we all regretted that his parliamentary duties prevented his attendance.

Dereham Lodge No. 624, Mt. Elgin, May 4th.—This is the baby Lodge of the District but not as regards the quality of their work as Wor. Bro. Phillips and his officers conferred the Third Degree in a manner which could not help but be impressive to the candidate. Dereham Lodge has made excellent progress which I trust will be maintained in the future.

Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan, May 6th.—Again we had the pleasure of witnessing an almost perfect Third Degree, conferred by Wor. Bro. Anderson and his officers. The lion's share of the credit for the excellent work and prosperous condition of this Lodge must go to the indefatigable Secretary, Wor. Bro. J. E. Biddle.

King Solomon Lodge No. 43 and Oxford Lodge No. 68, Woodstock, May 10th.—The First Degree was exemplified by officers from the two Lodges in an almost perfect manner with wonderful music by the choir. These Lodges are right up to the minute and much credit is due Rt. Wor. Bros. R. D. Montgomery, J. C. Archibald, J. W. Dutton and B. Blair for the excellent condition of Masonry, not only in their own Lodges but also in those of the surrounding District, as they are always ready to render assistance when called on.

Vittoria Lodge No. 359, Vittoria, May 21st.—Wor. Bro. Lade and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a highly creditable manner. A number of visitors were present from Erie Lodge No. 149, including Rt. Wor. Bro. Waddle and Wor. Bro. Cornish who addressed the Brethren.

Thistle Lodge No. 250, Embro, June 3rd.—By direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I had the honor to dedicate the new Lodge rooms, assisted by a large number of Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters of the District. As there was no Degree work, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three Degrees, in which the officers appeared efficient. After the conclusion of the proceedings in the Lodge room, the Brethren enjoyed a wonderful banquet prepared by Thistle Lodge and had the pleasure of hearing a beautiful address by Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. H. Ryerson, P.D.D. G.M., of Brant District.

Plattsville Lodge No. 178, Plattsville, June 26th.—As there was no Degree work ready, I requested

the Worshipful Master to exemplify the First Degree with a substitute candidate, which was done in a satisfactory manner.

Lodge of Instruction.—The seventeenth annual Lodge of Instruction for Wilson District was held at Tillsonburg on May 26th. The officers of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, Tillsonburg, opened the Lodge at 2.00 p.m., after which the First and Second Degrees were exemplified by the officers of Springfield Lodge No. 259, Springfield, and Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan, respectively. At 8 o'clock p.m., the officers of St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich, exemplified the Third Degree, after which the Lodge was closed by the officers of Doric Lodge No. 569, Lakeside. Bro. Rev. W. H. Dunbar gave an interesting and instructive address.

The work was well presented by all the Lodges and there was very little discussion. There was an attendance of three hundred, practically all the Lodges of the District being represented.

Past Masters' Association.—At a meeting held in the Masonic Temple, Woodstock, on January 8th, the Past Master's Association of Wilson District was formed and Wor. Bro. Dr. Stevens elected President. The Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. W. M. Logan, had kindly consented to be present and instructed us in the manner of conducting the association, and pointed out the benefits to be derived to Masonry in general throughout the District.

The first general meeting of the association was held in Tillsonburg on June 10th, with an attendance of seventy-five. Bro. Rev. Kennedy Hunter Palmer of Hamilton, was the chief speaker of the evening, taking as his subject "The True Masonic Vision." We could not have made a better choice for a speaker for our first meeting; Bro. Palmer's address created unbounded enthusiasm for the association, and a request that he would be kind enough to favor us again on a future occasion.

In conclusion, I desire to again convey to the Brethren of the District my warmest appreciation for the many kindnesses shown me during my official year. I bespeak for my successor the same cordial assistance which was so cheerfully extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. McDONALD, D.D.G.M.,
Wilson District.

WINDSOR DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

It is with much pleasure that I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Windsor District. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by the Brethren of the District in electing me to this responsible position, and I have endeavored conscientiously to fulfill the duties to the best of my ability.

I visited every Lodge in the District at least once, and some oftener, and found Masonry in most cases in a flourishing condition, especially among the younger Lodges. From observation I have come to the conclusion that the larger the Lodge becomes, the less interest is manifested, especially among the older members. In some cases we find that Brethren who have held high offices in the fraternity are conspicuous by their absence and only make an appearance on special occasions. To my mind this is not fair to the officers of the Lodge as they certainly need the assistance of those who have had a wide experience. However, the work throughout the District is of a fairly uniform character, with the officers generally well skilled in the art. In some cases, without making special mention, the work was as nearly perfect as it is possible to exemplify it, while in others it showed a lack of practice, which is absolutely necessary in order to do the work with precision.

On many of my visits I addressed the Brethren on Masonry, such as the Symbolism in the different Degrees, landmarks, etc., also that we teach that Masonry is a beautiful system of morality and that we should practise those beautiful sentiments outside

of the Lodge, and do unto others as we would wish that they do unto us.

My first official visit was to accompany the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to Pelee Island on September 18th, 1925, for the purpose of Constituting, Dedicating and Installing the officers of Pelee Lodge No. 627. This was a unique experience, as I believe this is the only Lodge in the jurisdiction which is held on an island. A very delightful day was spent on the island with about sixty members of the fraternity from the mainland being present. I made my official visit to this Lodge on Friday, June 4th, 1926, and for a new Lodge, and also one which has no Past Masters to assist, the work in the First Degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. Indeed I was much pleased with the progress this Lodge has made and their work was done equally as well as any of the Lodges on the mainland. I also was very much impressed by the way in which they are keeping an historical review of all their proceedings from the time of its inception.

On November 25th, 1925, I made my official visit to Central Lodge No. 406, Essex, in which the Master and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a very satisfactory manner. I was accompanied with about 25 of the Brethren from Windsor.

On January 26th, 1926, I visited Thistle Lodge No. 34, Amherstburg. Here I was greeted by a large gathering of members and visiting Brethren. This is the oldest Lodge in the District and it is in a very healthy condition, and the officers conferred the First Degree very satisfactory. This Lodge has never had any Grand Lodge honors bestowed upon any of its members.

On February 4th, 1926, I visited Harmony Lodge No. 579, on their regular meeting night, after which the First Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition and I was very much impressed.

February 17th, 1926, Border Cities Lodge No. 554, was visited. This is the Lodge of which I am Secretary. The First Degree was conferred in a very praiseworthy manner. At this meeting I was greeted by a large attendance of the members and visiting Brethren.

February 23rd, 1926, I made my official visit to Naphtali Lodge No. 413, Tilbury, and was accompanied by a number of the Brethren from Windsor, Leamington and Wheatley. The First Degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner.

February 26th, 1926, Parvaim Lodge No. 395, Comber, was visited in company with a number of Brethren from some of the other Lodges of the District. The Third Degree was very well put on.

On March 2nd, 1926, I visited Leamington Lodge No. 290, in which I was accompanied by a number of the Brethren in the District. The First Degree was exemplified in a manner which shows that the officers are well instructed in their work.

March 9th, 1926, King Edward Lodge No. 488, Harrow, was visited. The First Degree was conferred in a very praiseworthy manner. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

March 12th, 1926, I visited Palace Lodge No. 604, Windsor, at which I witnessed the conferring of the First Degree in a very creditable manner. I was very much pleased with the progress this Lodge has made, and I wish to thank them for the hospitality extended to me.

On March 17th, 1926, I visited Dominion Lodge No. 598, Windsor, and a hearty welcome was extended by a large number of the Brethren and visitors. This is one of the younger Lodges of the District, and the officers and members take a great deal of interest in the Lodge. The First Degree was conferred in a very efficient manner.

On March 18th, 1926, Great Western Lodge No. 47, was visited. The First Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Campbell and his officers in a most creditable manner.

On March 18th, I visited Ontario Lodge No. 521, and was welcomed by a large number of enthusiastic Brethren and visitors in a very cordial and gracious manner. The Third Degree was exemplified in a very able and impressive manner, and the officers all have the work well in hand. This is an exceptionally bright and lively Lodge and is making excellent progress and an atmosphere of true Masonry prevails.

On April 1st, I made a visit to St. George's Lodge No. 41, Kingsville, and was received in a very courteous manner. The First Degree was exemplified in a very capable manner, and I find that the members evince a deep interest in the work and prosperity of the Lodge. The Brethren of this Lodge have very pleasant and commodious club rooms where they have an opportunity of enjoying themselves.

On April 16th, 1926, I visited Windsor Lodge No. 403. This is my mother Lodge to which a cordial reception was given me. The First Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner.

On April 22nd, 1926, I made my inspection of Zenophon Lodge No. 448, Wheatley. The W.M. and his officers seem to be quite earnest and painstaking in their work.

On May 7th, I had the pleasure of instituting a new Lodge which will be known as Garden Lodge. On this occasion I was accompanied by a number of the Brethren who assisted me in the ceremony, all of whom I wish to thank for their assistance. This young Lodge has started out under most favorable conditions and the officers are very enthusiastic. Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Douglas was instrumental in the formation of this Lodge and with his able assistance the Lodge is bound to prosper.

On May 12th, I paid my official visit to Rose Lodge No. 500. The Second Degree was exemplified and the work done exceeded my expectations, and the Lodge seems to have taken on a new lease of life.

On May 14th, I had the privilege and pleasure of instituting another new Lodge which will be known as St. Andrew's. The W.M. of this Lodge is Rt. Wor. Bro. W. T. Turner, and under his careful direction I am sure the Lodge will soon be a power for good in the community. I was assisted by a number of the Brethren in the ceremony and I desire to express my thanks to these Brethren.

As stated in the forepart of my report I visited Pelee Lodge No. 627 on Friday, June 4th. They are to be congratulated both in the manner in which the work was conferred, also its growth. I was accompanied by about 50 of the Brethren from the mainland and a very pleasant and profitable day was spent.

In addition to my official visits I assisted in the installation of the officers in a number of the Lodges, made a number of fraternal visits and attended several social functions.

The year just closing will always be remembered by me as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life. I have benefited greatly by meeting the Brethren in the different Lodges in the District, and my year of service has given me a greater Masonic vision. I desire to thank all the Brethren who so ably assisted me with their loyal support and brotherly love which was a great incentive to make my work both easy and pleasant.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

E. T. HOWE, D.D.G.M.,
Windsor District.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS

The report of the Committee on Warrants was read by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Warrants, begs leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and records of the Lodges under dispensation and recommend that warrants be issued to the following:

Manitou Lodge, Emo, Algoma District, as No. 631.

Long Branch Lodge, Mimico, Toronto District "A", as No. 632.

Hastings Lodge, Hastings, Peterborough District, as No. 633.

Delta Lodge, Toronto, Toronto District "C", as No. 634.

Wellington Lodge, Toronto, Toronto District "D", as No. 635.

Hornepayne Lodge, Hornepayne, Nipissing District, as No. 636.

Caledonia Lodge, Toronto, Toronto District "B", as No. 637.

Bedford Lodge, Toronto, Toronto District "C", as No. 638.

That Beach Lodge, Hamilton Beach, Hamilton District "B", be granted a warrant as Lodge No. 639, subject however, to the proviso that before the warrant is issued this Lodge must satisfy the representative of the Grand Master in Hamilton District "B" and the Grand Secretary that they have a suitable and proper Lodge room in which to hold their Lodge meetings.

That the Dispensations granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to the following Lodges be continued for another year:

Anthony Sayer Lodge, Mimico, Toronto District
"A".

Garden Lodge, Windsor, Windsor District.

St. Andrews Lodge, Windsor, Windsor District.

Your Committee again wish to commend the officers of the Lodges under Dispensation on the excellence and accuracy of the Lodge books submitted for inspection and on the evident care exercised by all in the selection of candidates for initiation in their Lodges. May we be allowed to emphasize again what has been so often said. The success of a Masonic Lodge cannot be measured by the number of candidates initiated by it in a given time, but only by the influence for good exercised by the members of the Lodge in their daily life. It may well be we have Lodges in our jurisdiction great in number of members but small in true Masonic influence, wealthy so far as money is concerned, but poverty stricken in the fundamental principles of Masonry, brotherly love, relief and truth. Quality is always to be preferred to quantity and if the measuring rod of capacity to receive instruction and ability to translate that instruction into service, to man, to the nation and to God, is used as the measure with which to select Masonic candidates we may have fewer initiations, but year by year Masonic influence will strengthen and increase in this Canada of ours, and a strengthening of that influence would help to make Canada a better place to live in, would elevate the tone of our national life and would save us from many of the scandals we now see spread on the front page of our newspapers.

A great responsibility rests on the rulers of our Lodges. It is in their hands the selection of candidates rests and just as a stream cannot rise higher than its source, so Masonry cannot rise higher than

the general character of those who range themselves under its banners and the higher and stronger the aims, ambitions and ideals of its members the more influential will our order become and the greater the opportunity to its members to work together for the glory of God and the good of mankind.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. J. YOUNG,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young and resolved: that the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton presented the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Constitution and Laws, begs to report as follows:

Notices of Motion

(1) To amend Section 156 of the Book of Constitution. Your Committee suggest that this motion in its present form is too vague to be properly considered by Grand Lodge; the words "in the Lodge" should be inserted after the word "read" at the end of the first line; but, as the object and intent of the motion appear to be meritorious and along the lines of similar though not, perhaps, so far reaching or strict legislation in other Grand Jurisdictions, your Committee suggest that with the consent of Grand Lodge, the motion should be recast by the mover in order to effect a practicable result. Subject to this provision there is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

(2) Amendments of various clauses of the Book of Constitution as numbered:

Section 36—The words “both in Grand Lodge and” in the opinion of the Committee, should be struck out.

Sections 186-205—No. 186b should be transposed and should follow 186a on preceding page—a typographical error.

In other respects there is no legal objection to this motion by way of proposed amendments to the Constitution, being placed before Grand Lodge to be dealt with.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. PONTON,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and resolved: That the Report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and on motion of the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. W.N. Ponton, was received, adopted and ordered to be printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

A special supplementary report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was also presented by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, as follows:

To the Most Wor. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M.of Canada. in the Province of Ontario.

Most Wor. Sir and Brethren,—

Your Committee appointed at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge beg leave to report as follows :

We have had before us the question of our fraternal relations with foreign Grand Lodge jurisdictions, and in view of the nature of the information available and of present conditions it is deemed advisable to set forth our recommendations under three classifications.

1. We recommend that the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, enter into official fraternal relations with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the National Grand Lodge of France (Grande Loge Nationale), and exchange representatives with these jurisdictions.

2. In consideration of the fact that we have very meagre information as to the following Grand Lodges and that we have no evidence of exchange of correspondence or communication with them within recent years, it is recommended that this Committee be empowered to obtain such further information or assurances as may be advisable in the premises :

(a) Vienna, (b) Greece, (c) Chile, (d) Costa Rica, (s) Hungary, (f) Italy, (g) Netherlands, (h) Peru, (i) Portugal, (j) Switzerland, (k) Uruguay, (l) Denmark, (m) Brazil, (n) Finland, (o) Roumania, (p) San Salvador, (q) Panama, (r) Colombia.

It is further recommended that the findings of this Committee be submitted to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for such action as he may think necessary.

3. As your Committee have been credibly informed that the Grand Orient of Belgium has abandoned the requirement of belief in God, and has removed the Bible from its Altars, it is recommended that the recognition heretofore accorded to that Grand Lodge be terminated and that all commissions in that connection be recalled and revoked.

Your Committee further recommend that they be empowered to secure such further information as may enable them to bring their duties to a satisfactory conclusion and that their report be submitted to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for such action as he may deem expedient.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. PONTON
THOMAS SHANKS
W. S. HERRINGTON
CHRIS M. FORBES
JOHN D. SPENCE

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and resolved: That the special report of the Board on Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

The report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies was presented by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, as follows:

Your Committee, through the Board of General Purposes, beg to annex the following analysis of expenditure for printing and supplies for the year 1925-1926:

Preliminary reports, Grand Lodge, 1925.....	\$ 404.42
Ceremonies	121.59

Letter Book	\$ 7.50	
Binding returns	19.50	
Receipt books	21.20	
Certificates	702.49	
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		750.69
Stationery and supplies		251.07
Christmas cards		27.65
Circulars		66.66
Return forms		49.60
Boxes and cartons		105.33
Special printing		2,106.26
Proceedings		2,832.32
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		\$6,715.59

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. RICHARDSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, and resolved: That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

The report of the Committee on Benevolence was read by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report:

That during the year ending May 31st, 1926, disbursements for benevolence were as follows:

Grants from the General Fund authorized at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge	\$98,135.00
Interim grants from the General Fund by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes	2,120.00

Grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund	4,840.00
Grants made by the Lodges as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.Ms. (estimated)	82,000.00

At this Annual Communication 709 applications have been referred to the consideration of your Committee, and it is recommended that 9 of these be declined and that grants be made subject to the Supervisor's inspection as follows:

342 granted through the local boards amounting to	\$52,150.00	
358 granted through the Lodges amounting to	49,520.00	
	<hr/>	101,670.00
Less an approximate 4% reduction by inspection and death ..	4,067.00	
	<hr/>	\$97,603.00
Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge:		
Miss Mary Wilson	500.00	
Miss M. H. Harris	75.00	
	<hr/>	575.00
Total amount of Interim Grants (estimated) from the General Fund		4,000.00
Grants recommended from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this Annual Communication		3,810.00
Additional Interim Grants from the unexpended interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund		1,300.00
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Total.....	\$107,288.00	

Your Committee regrets that it has been necessary to report to the Committee on Credentials that 33 Lodges have neglected to forward their applications for benevolent grants, and consequently may not be permitted to vote at this Session of Grand Lodge as provided in Sections 2 and 160 of the Constitution.

It is recommended that we continue the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

Your Committee cannot fail to recognize the untiring energy and conscientious efforts of the Supervisor of Benevolence, R.W. Bro. Rowe, and we feel that the beneficial results attained during the past year through his mature advice and thorough knowledge of our benevolent activities have fully justified the action of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, in making provision for this office. He is continuing and extending the work that was so faithfully and efficiently discharged for so many years by R.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, and all members of the Craft will join in the sincere and earnest felicitations extended by the Committee to our veteran Inspector on Saturday last, on the occasion of his seventy-ninth birthday.

We again find it necessary to appeal to the Constituent Lodges for more co-operation and greater assistance in our benevolent work. Many of our Lodges with large annual revenues are not meeting the obligations that is theirs in making a fair and just contribution to their Brethren or their dependents in sickness and distress, but are content to leave too great a portion of the financial responsibility to Grand Lodge. It is obvious that there is a limit to the resources of Grand Lodge, and we must not be placed in the position of either impairing our reserves or refusing assistance where the need is greatest and the call most urgent. May we in the spirit of co-operative effort and endeavor as a Grand Lodge, Constituent Lodges, and individual Masons proceed with a broader vision, a truer conception and a more comprehensive grasp of our Masonic duty and responsibility to give of the abundance which has been showered upon us to those whose wants should appeal so strongly to our hearts and for whose necessities there is urgent need for still greater sacrifices.

Your Committee have the most pleasant duty of acknowledging a contribution of \$100.00 made by

Runnymede Lodge No. 609, to the Semi-Centennial Fund. The spirit which prompts this most commendable action on the part of a Lodge formed less than four years ago is worthy of our sincere gratitude and our earnest emulation. The Semi-Centennial Fund was consummated when our membership was less than one-third of our present numerical strength. The major portion of our present members did not therefore have the privilege of contributing, and it may be of interest to note that since the inception of the Semi-Centennial Fund, that of the annual revenue derived therefrom, over \$70,000.00 has been distributed to lighten the burden and gladden the hearts of our more needy Brethren, their widows and their families. May those Lodges that have been instituted and those Brethren admitted to membership since this fund was founded be inspired to follow the excellent example of Runnymede Lodge, so this noble work may be extended to embrace all members of the Craft, that we may all have the benefit of being identified for the future with this truly Masonic work practically applied in relieving distress, in helping to bear one another's burden, thus adding to the brightness of life and to the joy of living.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL,

Chairman,
Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, and resolved: That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

The report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was presented by R.W. Bro. George Moore, as follows:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance through the Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. We have also verified the Annual Statement for the year ending May 31st, 1926, and find it correct. It is certified by the Auditor of Grand Lodge. The books are in good order and are excellently kept.

Receipts for Year Ending May 31st, 1926

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1925	\$ 21,736.23	
Less outstanding cheques	3,331.87	
		\$ 18,404.36
Dues and Fees from Lodges.....	125,795.80	
Interest on Investments.....	17,010.55	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	935.42	
		143,741.77
Debentures Matured	2,689.78	
		<u>146,431.55</u>
		\$164,835.91

Expenditure

General Charges	\$ 38,499.79	
Benevolence	98,135.00	
		\$136,634.79
Debentures Purchased	1,983.07	
		<u>138,617.86</u>
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1926	\$ 30,732.24	
Less outstanding Cheques	4,564.19	
		<u>26,218.05</u>
		\$164,835.91

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

For Year Ending May 31st, 1926

Receipts

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1925	\$ 2,294.62	
Less outstanding cheques	895.00	
		\$ 1,399.62
Received from Lodges	\$ 298.75	
Interest on Investments	5,167.13	
Interest on Bank Deposits	91.93	
Benevolence Cheque Cancelled	55.00	
		<u>5,612.81</u>
Debentures matured		16,746.29
		<u>23,758.72</u>

Disbursements

Benevolence	\$ 4,870.00	
Debentures purchased	16,747.71	
		<u>\$ 21,617.71</u>
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce		
May 31st, 1926	\$ 3,096.01	
Less outstanding cheques	955.00	
		<u>2,141.01</u>
		<u>23,758.72</u>

Assets**General Account**

At Credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce		
May 31st, 1926	\$ 30,782.24	
Less outstanding Cheques	4,564.19	
		<u>\$ 26,218.05</u>
Investments per schedule face value.....	\$310,646.02	
		<u>\$336,864.07</u>
Semi-Centennial Fund—		
At Credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce		
May 31st, 1926	\$ 3,096.01	
Less outstanding Cheques	955.00	
		<u>2,141.01</u>
Investments per schedule face value.....	\$103,504.59	
		<u>\$105,645.60</u>
		<u>442,509.67</u>

Summary

Investments:	1926	1925	Increase	Decrease
General Account	310,646.02	311,335.80		689.78
Semi-Cent. Acct.	103,504.59	103,456.71	47.88	
Bank Balance Gen. Acct.	26,218.05	18,404.36	7,813.69	
Bank. Bal. Semi. Cent...	2,141.01	1,399.62	741.39	
	<u>442,509.67</u>	<u>434,596.49</u>	<u>8,602.96</u>	<u>689.78</u>
	434,596.49		689.78	
Capital Increase	\$7,913.18		7,913.18	

A detailed statement of both the General and Semi-Centennial Accounts will be found in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

Your Committee recommends that the Honorarium of the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence be increased from \$250.00 to \$400.00.

Guarantee bonds for the Grand Secretary, the Assistant to the Grand Secretary and Miss Place for \$5,000.00 each and also a combination Messenger

Paymaster and Interior Robbery Policy for \$5,000.00, all issued by the Fidelity Insurance Company of Canada, have been inspected by the Committee. The bonds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. Your Committee recommends that the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be authorized to renew the same at the expiry thereof.

ESTIMATES (1926-1927)

Receipts

Initiations	\$ 16,000.00
Affiliations	600.00
Dues	100,000.00
Certificates	100.00
Constitutions and Ceremonies	3,000.00
Dispensations	1,000.00
Commutations	5,200.00
Warrants	100.00
Musical Rituals	75.00
Miscellaneous	1,100.00
Interest	17,000.00

\$144,175.00

Expenditure

G. Treasurer	\$ 400.00
Auditor	600.00
G. Secretary	6,000.00
Chief Clerk	3,000.00
Stenographer	2,000.00
Clerk	1,800.00
Incidental Expenses	1,500.00
Printing and Stationery	5,500.00
Certificates and Warrants	700.00
Telephone	100.00
Insurance	180.00
Safety Vault Box	40.00
Office Rent	1,000.00
Postage on Proceedings	250.00
Postage Chairmen of Committees	40.00
Fraternal Correspondence	400.00
Grand Master	1,500.00
Grand Master Stenog.	300.00
Deputy Grand Master	250.00
Commissions	100.00
U.S.A. & Can. Masonic Relief Association	265.00
Regalia and Furniture	200.00
Grand Lodge Exp. (1926)	7,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00

\$34,125.00

Inspector Benevolence	1,200.00
Supervisor Benevolence	3,000.00
Stenog. Supervisor	150.00
Trav. Exp. Supervisor	850.00
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	39,325.00
Benevolent Grants	102,000.00
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	\$141,325.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, and resolved: That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was presented by R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, as follows:

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry is supposed to be based chiefly on the brief accounts furnished by the District Deputy Grand Masters. In this jurisdiction there are at present thirty-two districts, and the statements which have been received to date present a very pleasing picture of the state of Masonry in the Province of Ontario. The tendencies and developments of Masonic thought and the activities of the constituent Lodges are dealt with in minute detail by the representatives of the Grand Master, and they are almost unanimous in asserting that in their work of inspection they have found the Craft in a healthy and prosperous condition. They vouch for its adherence to those fundamental and eternal principles upon which the institution is founded; they testify to its growth in influence, in virility, and in a commendable type of membership, and they call attention to the many evidences of that spirit of harmony which is the essential of all true Masonry.

While our progress has been satisfactory, and while we have just cause for exultation, it is well to remember that our path has been comparatively free from the difficulties that our predecessors had to meet and overcome, and which even at the present day beset our Brethren in some of the jurisdictions with whom we hold fraternal intercourse. Our opportunities for success have been many, for our lines have fallen in pleasant places, free from many of the influences that create disorder and discontent, and it is only proper that our progress should be commensurate with the privileges of freedom and of ordered government that we sometimes thoughtlessly accept without giving due thanks therefor. We are fortunate in the enjoyment of almost absolute immunity from anything savoring of general condemnation, and to speak of persecution, or of any sort of organized opposition to our activities, is to conjure up a bogey which exists only in a timid or a troubled imagination.

If our present position is an enviable one it has been reached only by the exercise of constant vigilance, and it follows that only by a continuance of a similar care can our status be maintained and our stability and prosperity for the future be assured. Let us not dream that having reached the heights already attained we can rest with any degree of security, or that we can even temporarily abandon the watch towers from which we may discern the warnings of danger within, or of foes without. And now, as always, the greatest menace is not from our exposure to external opposition, but rather from the weaknesses inherent in an organization which can hardly hope to achieve perfection so long as it draws its members from among human beings. We can do much to help or hinder, but our greatest peril must always be from the influence of those who are Masons in name only, and who find it more expedient to drag Masonry down to their own level than to elevate themselves to a conformity with its higher standards of truth and morality.

An inquiry into the condition of Masonry at home

would be incomplete if it disregarded the movements and tendencies that affect Masonic thought and practice in other fields of labor, and which sometimes exert a pressure, more or less perceptible, on our own development. While we often hear of the universality of Masonry it would be a misinterpretation of the term if it were understood to apply to a complete uniformity in methods and rituals, and an identical prospect along the pathway of future expansion. In this jurisdiction we claim to have followed the lead of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, and to have kept within the bounds so well established by that Grand Lodge and by those of Scotland and Ireland. But there is a so-called Masonry which has chafed under the restraining discipline of the old charges and regulations, and has wandered far afield into the by-paths of political and religious controversy. In general, the Grand Lodges of the English speaking world have maintained a unity of spirit and of tradition, and have enjoyed a record of almost continuous fraternal intercourse. But even among these there are noticeable divergences in practice and policy, so that a certain atmosphere may be said to have arisen that is peculiar to each jurisdiction. But in essentials there is agreement, and in non-essentials there is considerable liberty of action. The distinctive features are those that have grown up as a result of racial or temperamental differences. It can hardly be contended, for instance, that the Masonic bodies of the British Isles, of Canada, of Australasia, and of the United States of America, are identical in development, or in outlook, but the differences are merely local indications of national characteristics, and are not serious departures from the original plan.

If one were to be allowed a measure of freedom in defining its broad outlines, it might not be out of place to say that the Masonry of England is differentiated from the others by its air of dignified seclusion, by its emphasis on the social side of the Order, by its conservative adherence to the original plan of Craft Masonry, by its refusal to accord official recognition or approval to concordant or auxiliary societies, and by its princely grants for the education

of the young, and for the care of the aged and indigent. The English Lodge has usually a small membership, and its place of meeting is seldom notable for pretentious appearance, but a sense of magnitude is subordinated to the cultivation of a more intimate relationship among Lodge members, to the exercise of a generous benevolence, and to the amenities of social intercourse.

In the United States of America a Masonry quite different from that of the old land has developed. There we find a tendency to elaborate expansion and to the growth and fostering of auxiliary organizations; a remarkable numerical strength throughout the country and a surprisingly large membership in some of the constituent Lodges; a fondness for palatial and costly temples; a rather dangerous inclination in some cases towards taking sides in public questions that border closely on the political; and a very commendable use of great wealth in the building and maintenance of Masonic homes and hospitals. With a sovereign Grand Lodge in each State of the Union it was only to be expected that minor differences would arise, but in general there is a very harmonious co-operation among the Grand Bodies and the Masonry of the United States has every reason to be proud of its consistent and substantial growth, and of its many splendid achievements in promoting the best ideals of Masonic teaching.

The Masonry of Canada has inherited much from the Mother Grand Lodges from which it derived its origin, but it has undoubtedly been influenced in the gradual growth of its distinctive character by the facilities for fraternal intercourse with the Masonry of the United States. We have had the opportunity of learning not only from the steady prudence of the parent, but also from the enterprising vigor of her progeny; we have profited by the lessons of experience of both old and new, and we have tried to cultivate in due proportion the vigilant caution that guards against dangerous innovation, and the forward vision that prevents a lapse into indolence and inactivity.

Outside the English speaking world there exists a great diversity in the outward observances of the organizations which have adopted the name of Freemasonry, and in the tendencies towards digression from the original plan. The policy and practice of the Order in some countries are so different from what we have learned to regard as legitimate that we should not be over anxious when we learn that its attitude towards Church and State has engendered opposition, and in some cases has led to measures of reprisal. Where Masonry has entered the turmoil of party politics and of sectarian disputes it has suffered the penalty of being regarded as a political or sectarian machine, controlled by ambitious schemers and malcontents, and even by revolutionary agitators.

In our own land the spirit of Masonry harmonizes so closely with our form and tradition of government that it is unthinkable that any serious antagonism should arise. Masonry itself is an example of the successful working out in practice of all that is best in the constitutional processes to which we have become accustomed. In spirit it recognizes the principle of individual authority and responsibility, and in practice it emphasizes that right in its method of balloting for candidates, in the election of officers, and in the transaction of its general business. It teaches the meaning of personal responsibility and obligation, and provides a means for their exercise in its own internal government. It cultivates the development of a healthy and intelligent self-respect and confidence in the formation of individual opinion. It realizes that the individual is likely to respect the majesty of the law, whether civil or Masonic, in proportion as he respects the majesty of his own position as the maker and administrator of that law. It encourages within well regulated limits that self expression which is the evidence of independence of thought and of personal liberty. As a result it has always flourished best in those countries where popular or democratic government has existed, and has suffered most where liberty has been restricted, where equality has been unknown, and where fraternity has been discouraged.

In several of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters reference is made to the need for educational work along Masonic lines. This has often been mentioned in the addresses of our Grand Masters, and the fact that progress in this direction is still disappointing and unsatisfactory must indicate a weakness in organization or in proper facilities. The Grand Lodge "Proceedings" of this and other jurisdictions contain excellent material, but in too many cases they are not utilized as they should be. The various Past Masters' Associations throughout Ontario have had the advantage of hearing some splendid papers read and addresses delivered, but unfortunately the opportunity to profit by these is limited to a comparatively small number. There is undoubtedly a lack of good Masonic literature which is easily available to the general membership. The young member who looks for guidance in this matter finds it difficult to get competent instruction, and his enthusiasm for study and research is changed to indifference, and he soon becomes lukewarm and listless in his attitude towards Masonic knowledge.

In the introduction to a short treatise on Freemasonry which had been recently issued, Lord Amphill, the Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, offers the following advice:

"I seize this opportunity of repeating a suggestion which I have often made—namely, that there should be some brief discourse on Masonic history, Masonic principles, or on the administration and activity of the Craft at every Lodge meeting. Let the Past Masters take it in turn to speak for five minutes and tell the junior members of the Lodges something about these matters, or advise them what to read. Let the younger Brethren be examined in their knowledge of these subjects after they have had a chance of reading.

"There can be no doubt that this was the ancient custom. The precepts which have been handed down to us from the days when everything depended upon

oral tradition, repeatedly emphasize the duty of imparting instruction over and above that contained in the fixed ceremonies. That duty devolves upon all the more experienced members of a Lodge, as we can see from the custom of inviting any of them to question the newly joined Brethren. It is, of course, open to any member to respond to that invitation, and if this were done with tact and discrimination it would add very much to the reality of our proceedings. And he who frames a thoughtful catechism learns even more in so doing than the man whom he thus instructs."

The following are a few of the suggestions made by the District Deputies as a result of their past year's experience. Some of them have been referred to more than once in previous reports, but all are worthy of consideration.

1. Greater attention should be given to the proper ventilation of Lodge and banquet rooms.

2. A Property Committee might be of great assistance to the officers of some Lodges to see that the regalia, etc., is kept in good condition.

3. Musical talent should be utilized and developed. The ceremonies will gain in beauty and impressiveness, and members who might otherwise be silent spectators will delight in a work which enlists their congenial and sympathetic co-operation.

4. Members who possess the requisite ability and enthusiasm might be encouraged to take part in the work of the degrees. This is a commendable variation calculated to promote interest, but should be used with caution. The dignity and impressiveness of the work should not be sacrificed by the selection of members who are lacking in ability, or who are too young in service.

5. There should be no publicity and advertising about Lodge meetings. We have Masonic papers in which to publish anything proper to be made known and of interest to Masons.

6. Lack of seriousness in conferring Degrees is fortunately rare, because it is so obviously foreign to the whole tone and tenor of Masonry. It is sometimes due to the thoughtless attitude of members who have failed to catch the true spirit of our ceremonies, and who delight in misleading the candidate preparatory to receiving the Degree. The extent to which this is carried on in some cases has a tendency to vitiate in advance the beautiful lessons sought to be conveyed, and the effect must not only be embarrassing and harmful to the candidate, but extremely distasteful to the Craft in general.

7. If members are to work in harmony the greatest care must be taken to exclude from the Lodge and its surroundings anything calculated to create discontent or disagreement. As one District Deputy well says: "It is a perilous procedure to introduce any matters that may sow the seeds of discord, or prostitute the sacred time of the Lodge to ignoble purposes or alien interests." And he might have added that to do so is distinctly unmasonic. Let us bear in mind the words of a Masonic teacher, which are as applicable today as when used nearly two centuries ago. "As the Craft hath subsisted from time immemorial, and contains the most glorious precepts of morality and virtue, let not the malicious world have cause to blame us for any base or degenerate actions, but let us industriously pursue the unerring rules which the Almighty Architect hath given us; let us be united in one sacred bond of love and friendship, and if there is any contention among us, let it be in striving who can outdo each other in acts of religion, mercy, charity, and all other good offices."

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS SHANKS.

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos. Shanks, and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, as follows:

I beg to present the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals.

(1) Wardrobe Lodge No. 555, Hamilton, Vs. Bro. Evans

The facts of this case are set out in the 1925 proceedings at page 320. Bro. Evans is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

**(2) Algoma Lodge No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie, Vs.
Bro. Harry Charles Barrett.**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1925 proceedings at page 320. Bro. Barrett is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(3) Doric Lodge No. 382, Hamilton, Vs. Bro. Jas. A. Church.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1925 proceedings at page 320. Bro. Church is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

**(4) Strict Observance Lodge No. 27, Hamilton, Vs.
Bro. C. W. J. Coleman.**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1925 proceedings at pages 320 and 321. Bro. Coleman is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(5) Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Vs. Bro. Colin A. McAuley.

The facts of this case are set out in the 1925 proceedings at pages 322 and 323. In pursuance of instructions of Grand Lodge this Brother has since been placed on trial and found not guilty by his Lodge.

(6) Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton. Vs. Bro. Charles Edward Webb.

This Brother was tried by his Lodge on January 22nd. 1926, on a charge involving moral turpitude and was found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(7) War Veterans' Lodge No. 586, Toronto.

This is an application to be relieved from the payment of forty dollars to legalize the advancement of two candidates on January 23rd, 1925, within the prescribed time, they having been initiated on December 27th, 1924.

Your Committee sympathise with the members of this Lodge, composed as it is of returned soldiers, but the constitution makes no exception whereby the provisions of section 204 can be evaded.

Under the circumstances, however, the Committee feel that justice would be done if the violation be treated as one offence and recommend that the sum of twenty dollars be accepted.

(8) Georgina Lodge No. 343, Toronto, Vs. Bro. Jas. A. Pollock.

This Brother pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing upwards of two thousand dollars in money, the property of the Treasurer of Ontario, in the years 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924, and was sentenced by J. Herbert Denton, Esq., then Police Magistrate of the City of Toronto, to a term of five years in Kingston Penitentiary.

The Brother is now on parole. He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty and indefinitely suspended, a ballot that he be expelled having been taken and defeated.

Your Committee feel that an offence so serious as this should be punished by expulsion and recommend that the Brother be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(9) Tuscan Lodge No. 541, Toronto, Vs. Bro. E. Clarence J. Settell.

The Brother was tried at the Court of General Sessions at the City of Hamilton on the 4th of December, 1924, on a

charge of stealing the sum of \$29,925.00 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce. He was found guilty by a jury of attempt to steal and sentenced by Judge Evans to imprisonment for a period of three years.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge pursuant to instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master, found guilty and suspended indefinitely.

As in the previous case the Committee feel that the Lodge took too lenient a view of the offence charged and recommend that the Brother be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(10) Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford, Vs.
 Bro. Peter Smith**

This Brother was found guilty by the Honorable the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas at the City of Toronto, on the 24th of October, 1924, as a minister of the Crown, of the crime of conspiracy and sentenced to a term of years in the penitentiary.

By the direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Junior Warden of his Lodge charged him with a Masonic offence in having been found guilty of conspiracy to which charge he pleaded guilty in the following words "I hereby waive all or any defence in regard thereto and will accept the ruling of the Grand Lodge entirely." He was found guilty by his Lodge and upon a ballot being taken as to the punishment to be inflicted was declared indefinitely suspended.

As in the two preceding cases the Committee feel that the Brother should be expelled and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(11) Union Lodge No. 118, Schomberg, Vs. H. H. Coffey.

This Brother was tried by His Honor Judge Coatsworth at the City of Toronto, on the 13th day of March, 1926, on various charges of stealing and retaining to his own use money, bonds and other securities of various persons and corporations and on the charges of forgery and uttering, and pleaded guilty and was sentenced on each of sixteen counts concurrent to seven years in Kingston Penitentiary.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Com-

mittee concur in the finding of the Lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(12) Palestine Lodge No. 559, Vs. Bro. Louis Layman.

This Brother was found guilty early in the present year by a Judge at the City of Toronto, of theft from his employer and sentence suspended.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty and indefinitely suspended.

From the rather meagre facts before the committee they feel that they are not in a position to finally deal with the case and recommend that the suspension be continued until the next meeting of Grand Lodge for such further action as Grand Lodge may then take and that in the meantime definite material as to the court proceedings be furnished the committee.

(13) St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Vs. Bro. W. W. Dunlop

This Brother was tried at a sittings of the County Court Judges Criminal Court at the City of Toronto, on the 18th day of November, 1925, on a charge of theft of the sum of forty thousand dollars, extending over a period of some nine years, from the Province of Ontario, found guilty and sentenced to a term of four years in Kingston Penitentiary.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(14) St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Vs. Bro. Frank G. Anderson

This Brother was tried at a sittings of the Court of the General Sessions of the Peace on various charges of false pretences, attempt to defraud and theft of various sums of money from several financial institutions, found guilty by a jury and sentenced by the presiding Judge to a term of two years in Kingston Penitentiary.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge and recommend

that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and General Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that, in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(15) Campbell Lodge No. 603, Campbellville, Vs.
Bro. James Service.**

This Brother was tried by his Lodge on July 6th, of this year for cruelty to and desertion of his wife and child, found guilty, indefinitely suspended and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled, and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(16) High Park Lodge No. 531, Toronto, Vs. Bro.
Chas. A. Matthews.**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1925 proceedings at page 321. A charge has since been laid against the Brother by a Past Master of his Lodge to which he pleaded guilty and was suspended by the Lodge until the first day of November, 1926.

The Committee have carefully considered all the facts of this case and have come to the conclusion that the Brother should be expelled.

They therefore recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(17) Mount Dennis Lodge No. 599, Toronto, Vs.
Bro. Edwin Gordon Brock.**

This Brother was convicted of stealing some six thousand dollars worth of clothing from Pascoe Ltd., of the City of Toronto, and sentenced in October, 1925, to serve a term of not less than one year and not more than two years in the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty and indefinitely suspended. The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge as to the guilt of the Brother, but are of the opinion that he should be expelled from the Craft and recommend that he be notified to appear before the

Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(18) Burns Lodge No. 153, Vs. Bro. Angus Norwood.

This Brother was charged at a sittings of the County Court Judges Criminal Court at the City of Sarnia, with having in his possession property that was stolen from some ten different persons knowing the same to have been stolen, to which charges he pleaded guilty on the 11th day of January, 1926, on which date sentence of the Court was duly imposed upon him.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty and indefinitely suspended. The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge as to the guilt of the Brother, but are of the opinion that he should be expelled from the Craft and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, and resolved. That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

The report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead was presented by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, as follows:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Fraternal Dead, beg leave to report as follows:

“Thou know'st, 'tis common; all that live must die,
Passing through nature to eternity.”

Go where we please, look where we will, we are constantly reminded of our mortality. We all know that sooner or later the dread summons will come; yet with this knowledge most of us seem to think that by some fortuitous circumstance a kind Providence will spare us still a little longer. We can advance no good reason why an exception should be made in our case, knowing as we do that

- "Time like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all its sons away."

We as Masons have been specially admonished that our course leads through the dark valley. We annually recall the losses we have sustained through death during the preceding year and realize that in due course we shall continue so to do as each year claims its toll; yet there is such a yawning gulf between life and death that we, the living, cannot fully restrain our feelings when brought face to face with death. Yesterday we grasped the hand of a friend, heard his familiar voice and saw his face brighten with a smile of recognition. Today the hand of death is laid upon him, that which we loved has passed on to eternity, that which lies before us is but a corrupt and senseless piece of clay. We may have what ought to be the comforting assurance that he is free from the pains and sorrows of this world and that his soul has entered into eternal rest; yet there is a tinge of sadness which even this assurance does not dispel. The companionship of years cannot thus be severed without a sense of loss. As we turn away from the open grave a feeling of loneliness overcomes us and if a mist gathers before our eyes as we try to restrain our tears it is but a natural and fitting tribute of affection to the loved one who has gone. So during this brief period of our annual convention given over to the consideration of our Fraternal Dead, it is in keeping with the occasion that we bow our heads in silence while we for the last time reverently and affectionately call that part of the roll of Grand Lodge to which no living voice will ever again make answer:

Barber, Timothy, Aug. 8th, 1925, G.S.W. 1919.

Barr, David, Dec. 12th, 1925, G. Std. 1887, D.D. G.M. 1889.

Burritt, James H., D.D.G.M. No. 16, 1886, G.M. 1905 and 1906.

Clark, Levi J., June 13th, 1926.

Cunningham, Alex. M., March, 1926, D.D.G.M. 1901.

Eacrett, Michael, Feb. 15th, 1926, G. Std. 1890.

Grant, Geo. W., July 29th, 1925, G. Std. 1923.

Irvine, Robert, June 13th, 1926, D.D.G.M. 1901.

Irwin, William, April 18th, 1926, D.D.G.M. 1898.

Jarvis, Lyman G., Oct. 10th, 1925, D.D.G.M. 1882.

Lee, Erland, June 29th, 1926, D.D.G.M. 1924.

Malcolm, Geo., Aug. 18th, 1925, D.D.G.M. 1904.

Malloy, John, May 4th, 1926, Asst. G. Sec'y. 1887, D.D.G.M. 1889.

Malone, A. L., Aug. 5th, 1925, G.J.D. 1900.

McCurrah, John, Aug. 23rd, 1925, G. Std. 1925.

McGill, Neil, Oct. 18th, 1925, D.D.G.M. 1918.

McGowan, Wm., Dec. 12th, 1925, G. Std. 1892, P.D.D.G.M. of Saskatchewan.

McLaren, David, April 18th, 1926, G. Organist 1913.

McMahon, Thos. F., July 5th, 1925, G. Std. 1904.

Moorcraft, John S., Jan. 20th, 1926, G. Std. Bearer 1911.

Nichols, Wm. L., Aug. 28th, 1925, G. Std. 1905.

Nicholson, Robt. T., April 17th, 1925, D.D.G.M. 1912.

Pickford, E. W., May 21st, 1926.

Raikes, Rich., April 17th, 1926, D.D.G.M. 1901.

Ross, Col. George, July 5th, 1926, G. Reg'r. 1925.

Ross, John C., Sept. 3rd, 1925, G. Std. 1879.

Shaw, John Milton, March 25th, 1926, D.D.G.M. 1894.

Smeaton, John R., Jan. 8th, 1926, G. Std. 1905.

Simpson, D.B., Jan. 7th, 1926, D.D.G.M. 1902.

Tracey, Thos. H., Oct. 31st, 1925, G. J. W., 1875.

Van Zant, G. R., Oct. 23rd, 1925, G. S. W., 1884.

Watson, John, Feb. 22nd, 1925, D.D.G.M. 1901.

Time and opportunity will enable us to single out for special mention only a small number of these departed Brethren.

M.W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K.C.

In our report of a year ago we had occasion to comment upon the regrettable mortality among our Past Grand Masters, as during the Masonic year then closing no less than three who had graced the Grand East had passed to the Great Beyond. This irreparable loss was keenly felt in all parts of our jurisdiction, but at no time was it brought home so forcibly as when Grand Lodge was in session. The power of Grand Lodge to serve the thousands who look to it for guidance may properly be measured by the strength of the Grand East. We have been singularly fortunate in elevating to that responsible position men who not only stood high in our Order but who also commanded the respect and confidence of all classes with whom they came in contact. The value of the cumulative wisdom and experience of these devoted Brethren who for years have borne the burden of directing the progress of Masonry in our Province is simply immeasurable. This year we are

called upon to mourn the loss of one more who for twenty years has from the Grand East unsparingly given to this grand body the full benefit of a trained legal mind that had carefully mastered every detail of Masonic jurisprudence. Complex and irritating questions are constantly arising in interpreting the constitution and the relation of its provisions to conditions as variable as human acts and dispositions. In solving such problems Most Worshipful James H. Burritt, K.C., was most adept and his studied opinion was rarely challenged in Grand Lodge. His skill in this direction was recognized early in his Masonic career, for even before his election as Grand Master he was a member of the committee appointed to revise the constitution. The thoroughness with which he performed that difficult task is attested by the exceedingly small number of amendments that have been presented for consideration since the revision took place, and most of those that have been proposed were based not upon defects in the constitution itself, but were due to changed conditions which could not easily have been foreseen. The more we study that constitution the greater is our admiration for the skill displayed in evolving it. Most Worshipful Brother Burritt was born in Smith's Falls in 1846. Few, if any, of us who have observed his upright figure, brisk step and clear intellect would have hazarded the guess that he had by nearly ten years passed the allotted span. At the early age of twenty-one he was called to the bar and a year later located in the town of Pembroke, where he continued in active practice until his death, which occurred on the 15th of April, 1926. It was not long before his talents were recognized and rewarded by a large and lucrative practice. At the time of his death he was County Crown Attorney and solicitor for the County of Renfrew, both of which positions he had filled for a great many years. That his county bore the enviable reputation of being comparatively free from crime of a serious nature is largely due to his untiring efforts in the impartial administration of justice. Without fear or favor he prosecuted the wrong-doer and it mattered not what position the accused took towards himself personally, he showed no resentment and when

once the conviction was recorded he would be the first to plead for clemency if he believed the ends of justice would be best served by such a course, yet he was never carried away by false sympathy which in the opinion of many is becoming far too prevalent at the present time. In fulfilling the duties of his office as County Crown Attorney he was guided by the same principles which prompted him to say in his address to Grand Lodge twenty years ago:

"If the Constitution is once allowed to be broken the door is open for further irregularities and the result would be chaos and the Grand Master cease to be a ruler. Better be seemingly severe in love than weak because of false sympathy."

This safe and sane maxim appears to have been adopted by him as one of the guiding principles of his life as a Mason, as a public officer, as a citizen and in his social relationship. There is a depth of meaning in his words that is far more impressive than may appear at first glance,

"Better be seemingly severe in love than weak because of false sympathy."

Those of us who have been privileged to know him intimately in his several fields of activity can read in that one brief sentence the story of his life.

Our late Brother was a liberal patron and strong advocate of clean sports. In his younger days he had few equals as a cricketer and was the proud possessor of numerous trophies evidencing his superiority as an oarsman. For many years he skipped one of the prize winning curling rinks of his town, but his greatest pleasure, especially in his later years, was derived from what has been most aptly styled,

"The most honest, ingenious, quiet and harmless art of angling."

He was a true disciple of Izaak Walton and a charter member of two of the most famous fishing clubs in

the Ottawa Valley. With the rod he was an expert and dearly loved to pit his skill against the cunning of the most elusive of the finny tribe, and it would be an exceptional outing when he did not return with a full basket.

Owing to his official position he took no part in politics, but felt the full responsibility of his citizenship and was always ready to lend a helping hand to any worthy cause. He was a firm believer in maintaining a high standard in our schools and for twenty eight years was a member of the Board of Education of Pembroke and for several years was chairman of that body.

We knew him best as a Mason. He was regular in his attendance at Grand Lodge and never failed to take an active part in the deliberations of the Board of General Purposes, where his views were always highly respected. For half a century he was the life and inspiration of his mother Lodge at Pembroke and never lost his interest in its welfare. Two weeks before his death he attended a meeting to pay his respects to the District Deputy Grand Master upon the occasion of his official visit. But we do not get our true measure of him as a Mason so much in Grand Lodge or in his mother Lodge as we do in his daily walk in life. It was there that we found him displaying those noble qualities of heart and soul that endeared him to us all and inspired those concluding words in his address to Grand Lodge in 1907:

"We are all making history that cannot be recalled; let us then so co-operate in making that history both in and out of the Lodge that each one of us may say when the last summons reaches him, that he has done something for the good of others."

R.W. Bro. Timothy Barber, P.G.S.W.

Occident Lodge of Toronto lost one of its most esteemed members on August 8th last, in the person of Bro. Timothy Barber. If we were asked what one word would best sum up the predominating feature

of his life and character we would answer "constancy." In business transactions or in social intercourse he was always the same, thoughtful, true and courteous gentleman. His popularity among the fraternity in Toronto was evidenced by the unanimity with which he was chosen Grand Senior Warden in 1919. Entering at the threshold forty-eight years ago, he remained until his death in the same business organization. That the Elias Rogers Company, Limited, has attained such proportions is largely due to his faithful assistance and constant devotion to its best interests.

R.W. Bro. David Barr

In December last Renfrew Lodge laid to rest a venerable Mason, eighty-five years of age, who for over half a century had been enrolled among its members. R.W. Bro. David Barr began life upon a farm near the town of Renfrew, but at the age of twenty-five moved to town where he engaged in business until his retirement in 1908, the last four years of which period he served as postmaster. He was a reader of good literature, had travelled extensively in both the old world and the new and had such a well stored mind that he was a most entertaining conversationalist. He was three times Master of his Lodge and in 1889 was elected District Deputy Grand Master. Whenever he laid his hand to the plow he laid the furrow straight and deep. This was his policy in business, in public affairs, in his social relations and in his Masonic duties. He was the type of man who raises the standard of life in the community in which he resides and whose death is a distinct loss not easily replaced.

R.W. Bro. Alexander M. Cunningham

Those of us who were privileged to attend the last annual communication of Grand Lodge held in Hamilton last year retain many pleasant memories of the kind hospitality of the Masons of that city. Prominent among those to bid us welcome was R.W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham. There was a warmth and cordiality about our reception that could not be mis-

taken. Brother Cunningham, as a member of and spokesman for the Board of Education, generously placed at our disposal the commodious Memorial School and in the course of his greeting to Grand Lodge remarked that "Education and Masonry always go hand in hand." These words came from a heart overflowing with an unselfish devotion to both of these worthy causes.

Brother Cunningham was a Past Master of Temple Lodge and an Honorary Member of Barton Lodge and in 1902 was honored by being chosen District Deputy Grand Master. His charming personality, artistic taste and fund of rich humour made him a most delightful and entertaining companion and won for him a host of friends. The city of Hamilton sustained a severe loss in his death, which occurred on the 22nd of February, 1926.

R.W. Bro. Robert Irvine

Harris Lodge, Orangeville, is mourning the loss of a highly esteemed and useful member, R.W. Bro. Robert Irvine. He belonged to that class of our sturdy citizens who emigrated from Scotland in their youth and through their industry and integrity have contributed so largely towards building up our nation. His admission into Masonry over fifty-six years ago afforded ample scope for a natural desire for close companionship with a wide circle of warm friends. He never lost his interest in the craft and even at the advanced age of eighty-six years he was a worthy example to the younger members through his regular attendance at Lodge meetings. His interest in Masonry was not restricted to his mother Lodge but he did much pioneer work in Wellington District which was duly recognized by his election in 1901 to the office of District Deputy Grand Master. He was well skilled in all branches of the work and was always ready to lend a helping hand. In December last he performed the installation ceremony in Harris Lodge in a manner that would have reflected credit upon a much younger man. A few weeks later he was stricken down with an illness which terminat-

ed in his death on June 13th, 1926. The many kindly tributes paid to his memory clearly demonstrate that in the hearts of his fellow citizens he was the Grand Old Man of Orangeville.

R.W. Bro. E. W. Pickford

On the 25th of May last the village of Brighton turned out en masse to pay its last tribute of respect to the memory of one who by his pure life upright character and friendly disposition had won his way to the hearts of all who knew him. The Rev. E. W. Pickford was a clerk in holy orders in the Church of England and any order might well be proud to have him enrolled among its members. He was proud to be a Mason as it afforded him a broader scope for the exercise of those noble qualities which marked him as a faithful and consistent follower of his Divine Master. The esteem in which he was held by his brother clergymen was attested by that fact that more than twenty from the surrounding parishes were in attendance at the funeral. His scholarly attainments, gentlemanly bearing and zeal for Masonry made him an ideal District Deputy and United Lodge No. 29 sustained a severe loss in his death.

R.W. Bro. Richard Raikes

It is seldom we find embodied in one individual those exceptional qualities which give him superior rank in three or more separate spheres of action, but such was the exceptional record of our late Brother Raikes. As a physician he belonged to that good old type of family doctor who felt that he had more than a mere professional interest in his patients. His unremitting care and jovial disposition inspired confidence in his skill and contributed largely to his popularity in the sick room.

Although by no means a militarist he believed in being prepared for any contingency and was willing to assume his share of the burden of the defence of his country. As Lieutenant-Colonel of the 25th Regiment he served as their commanding officer in the Great

War and for his distinguished services was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

As a Mason he was forty-three years a member of Caledonia Lodge of Midland and during that period attained such prominence that he was accorded first place in his mother Lodge and one of the leading spirits of the Georgian District of which he was the District Deputy Grand Master twenty-five years ago. He passed away on April 17th last.

R.W. Bro. George Ross

Colonel George Ross entered the postal service in the city of Hamilton while still in his teens. He proved himself to be a faithful and painstaking public servant and throughout the many changes in the government during the succeeding half century his courteous demeanor and thorough business methods brought promotion after promotion until he finally attained the responsible position of Chief Superintendent of the Postal Service of Canada, an office which he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the several ministers under whom he served until his retirement four years ago. His skill as an organizer never showed to better advantage than during the Great War, when he assumed the difficult task of framing the regulations for handling the enormous quantity of mail of our expeditionary forces. So successful were his efforts in this direction that public recognition of his splendid achievement was made by the Department of Militia by conferring upon him the rank of Honorary Colonel. Through his close contact with our citizen soliders he took more than a passing interest in their welfare, and will probably be best remembered as the organizer and first Worshipful Master of the Great War Veterans' Lodge of Toronto. The very satisfactory provision for the reception of the delegates to Grand Lodge at Toronto two years ago were planned and carried out under his personal supervision as chairman of the reception committee. This valuable service was rewarded at the last meeting of Grand Lodge by raising him to the rank of Past Grand Registrar.

We learn with deep regret that he was laid to rest two weeks ago today.

W. S. HERRINGTON,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone presented the following report of a Special Committee to which had been referred a petition from Mount Dennis Lodge No. 599, asking permission to transfer its meeting place from Toronto to Weston; and also a petition from several Lodges of the Niagara District, asking that the District be divided.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

With reference to the petitions of Mount Dennis Lodge No. 549, Toronto, and of Niagara District, referred to a Special Committee for consideration, I beg to report as follows:

1. Mount Dennis Lodge applied to the M.W. the Grand Master for a dispensation to permit it to change its authorized meeting place, namely, Annette Street Temple, Toronto, to the Masonic Temple at Weston, which dispensation was granted, but to remain in effect only until the meeting of Grand Lodge. I have considered the matter, and have discussed the same with the present District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which Mount Dennis Lodge is placed. I have also been furnished with a letter from the Secretary of Humber Lodge, at present meeting in the Masonic Temple at Weston, stating that Humber Lodge passed a resolution consenting to the change in question.

I therefore suggest that the Board recommend Grand Lodge to sanction the requested change.

2. With reference to the petition of Niagara District for a division or readjustment of the Lodges of the District, in such manner as to create two Districts instead of the one District now in existence, I find that twenty-four of the twenty-five Lodges of the District are in favor of a rearrangement of the Lodges so as to create two Districts. To carry out this idea, two plans for effecting the change were submitted to me. The first plan designated thirteen named Lodges for one of the Districts, and twelve named Lodges for the other district. The second plan designates fourteen named Lodges for one of the Districts and eleven named Lodges for the other District. While the two plans differ as to the allotment of the named Lodges to the respective Districts, yet all the Lodges, with one exception, are in favor of two Districts. The Lodge not in accord desires no change in the District. No evidence has been produced to me signifying which of the two plans is favored by a majority of the twenty-five Lodges. The Board will bear in mind that the existing formation of Districts and adjustments or division of Lodges was effected only three years ago and then only at the expense of a year of careful consideration and anxiety. I hesitate at the present time to recommend the distributing of the twenty-five Lodges between two Districts; unless there is shown an absolute necessity for the change, and that the Lodges are practically in accord on the particular plan of division and on the name of the new District to be created and which of the two shall be the senior District retaining the name Niagara. I am not in favor of Grand Lodge assuming a task in connection with which the Lodges concerned should be practically in accord. A third plan was submitted which consisted of adhering to the one District plan but reducing the number of Lodges therein to nineteen, the other six Lodges to be transferred to another District or Districts. I could not recommend this plan, as it would disarrange a great portion of our existing division of Districts, necessitating the consulting the other Dis-

tricts, which would in all probability object to assume extra work in order to relieve Niagara District.

My recommendation is that the matter be left in the hands of the Committee until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, that in the meantime it may be taken up with the incoming District Deputy Grand Master, instructing him to place the whole question with all details before the twenty-five Lodges for their consideration, and report to the Committee the result; the Committee to report then to the Board of General Purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and resolved: That the report of the Committee be received and adopted and that the recommendations made by the Committee be approved and confirmed.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The report of the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Office was presented by the Deputy Grand Master, as follows:

The Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Office beg to report that they have met and discussed the general situation in connection with that office.

During the past few years there has been a tremendous increase in membership, and the number of records to be kept and the amount of detail work in the office have shown a corresponding increase.

The Committee have in mind the obtaining of expert advice as to the best methods to be adopted in order to secure the maximum of efficiency with the least amount of labor.

The Committee therefore desire to report progress and to recommend that the Committee be continued for another year.

JOHN S. MARTIN,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and resolved: That the report of the Special Committee be received and adopted.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed scrutineers of the ballot, and named R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd as chairman.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labor at five-thirty o'clock, p.m., to meet on Thursday, July 22nd, 1926, at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

CALLED ON SECOND DAY

Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, July 22nd, 1926, at nine-thirty o'clock, a.m., the Grand Master on the Throne.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, as follows:

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report:

There are on the register of Grand Lodge 551 warranted Lodges, of which number 8 have been granted their warrants at this Communication.

Lodges represented at this Communication:—

By Regular Officers.....	224
By Proxies.....	98
By Past Masters.....	38

Total number represented..... 360
Total number delegates registered..... 637
With a total vote of.....1310

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, and resolved: That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was presented by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

The Special Committee appointed to consider the Grand Master's address beg to report as follows:

Grand Lodge can congratulate itself on having as its Chief Executive a Brother eminently endowed with wisdom to comprehend, judgment to define and ability to successfully and satisfactorily administer its business and affairs.

The Committee join with the Grand Master in expressing the appreciation of every delegate present of the unbounded hospitality of the Brethren of the Twin Cities.

The Committee desire to congratulate the Grand Master on the success of his year's administration—

there has been a very marked increase in membership and in material wealth, the outlay during the year for benevolent purposes has given ample and adequate relief in all deserving cases, the Brethren have exhibited a greater and keener desire, not only to intelligently understand their Masonry, but to live and practice it. To use the language of the Grand Master, the past year has been one of peace, harmony and progress. Too much credit cannot be given to the Grand Master and his efficient and enthusiastic Grand Officers and Grand Representative in every District, for the prosperity which Grand Lodge is enjoying. He has not spared himself in the administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge and his labours have been abundantly blessed.

The Committee recommend that the Craft in this prosperous Province should carefully read and take to heart the Grand Master's warning of the danger to the Masonry of today, by reason of the faulty and partial interpretation of Masonry given by some of its members and of bodies which have, or claim to have a sort of connection with it.

The Committee concur with the views of the Grand Master on this important subject and take the liberty of quoting from the views of Grand Master Major of Manitoba, "Masonry raises no voice of protest at the formation of any organization promoted for worthy motives and offers no objection to individual liberty and course of action, but Masonry protests against and positively refuses to permit any organization being founded on the basis of Masonic membership without the consent of the governing body, and it will further protest against and prohibit the individual using his Masonic membership for purposes unbecoming and contrary to Masonic precepts and ideals"; and also to quote from Grand Master Durand of Michigan: "There are altogether too many organizations attempting to make Masonry an unwilling host, and bear their burdens and which detract from the purposes of our institution."

The Committee are in sympathetic accord with the Grand Master in his reference to the death of M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and Bro. Adam Brown. Bro. Brown's patriotic address at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge will be long remembered by all who had the privilege of listening to him.

M.W. Bro. Burritt's death is an irreparable loss to this Grand Lodge; the subject, however, of our fraternal dead has been fittingly cared for by another Committee.

The Committee heartily concur in the views of the Grand Master as to factors which should govern in granting dispensations for new Lodges.

The Committee are pleased to note the list of consecrations, dedications and laying of corner stones.

The Committee note with pleasure the appointment of Grand representatives at this Grand Lodge and near other Grand Lodges.

With respect to appointments of this nature the Committee cannot do better than present the views of the Grand Master of Rhode Island for the careful consideration of Grand Representatives at our Grand Lodge.

"The honour of appointment as Grand representative of other jurisdictions near our own seems to have little weight with many appointees. It is an honour which up to the present time has required practically no official duty, this seems to me to be entirely wrong. Grand representatives should inform themselves relative to the date of the meeting of the respective jurisdictions and communicate either by letter or telegram on said date, conveying messages of good will." The Committee would most earnestly suggest that Brethren of this Grand Lodge who have been honoured with an appointment of this nature

should evidence their appreciation by attendance at our annual meetings, when it is possible so to do.

The Committee are in general accord with the interpretation placed by the Grand Master on the 1919 Amendment to the Constitution in connection with the subject of physical disability. With reference to his recommendation for a declaration by Grand Lodge that no member of a Lodge suffering under disability which prevents him from literally complying with our ritual and ceremonies should be allowed to hold office in a Lodge without a special dispensation from the Grand Master, we have been informed that said reference in his address is intended to apply only to one aspiring to the position of a Worshipful Master, we are therefore in accord with the Grand Master's views and recommend that as said views apply to the election and installation of a Worshipful Master of a Lodge that same be adopted as a rule of Grand Lodge for future guidance and observance.

The Committee concur in the rulings and decisions of the Grand Master referred to in his address, which are numbered respectively, namely: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The question of the curtailment of the expense of the printing of the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge is one for the consideration of the incoming Board which will hold its initial meeting at the close of this Session of Grand Lodge, and to which Board it is referred.

With respect to ruling number 1 with the following rider attached thereto, namely "unless in case of urgent necessity of which the Grand Master shall be the sole judge." the Committee concur therein.

The Committee heartily recommend the approval of Grand Lodge to the contribution made during the year to the Peace Memorial Fund of the United Grand Lodge of England and to the County Hospital for Sick Children.

The Committee congratulates the Grand Master on his timely and appropriate appeal to the constituent Lodges for co-operation with Grand Lodge in connection with our benevolent work, the contribution from Grand Lodge funds during the past year amounted to \$103,005.00. For some years past Grand Lodge has been making inroads on its capital account, in order to assist in aiding the poor and needy members of its constituent Lodges, and their dependents, but it is feared that the members of some of our Lodges have a false idea of the meaning of Masonic charity and of their duty in aiding their unfortunate needy Brethren, their actions are purely mechanical, lacking the personal brotherly element, on receipt of an application for assistance a paltry few dollars are voted, thereby enabling the Lodge to pass on their obligations to the Grand Lodge. The Committee beg to suggest that apparently the address in the North East Angle of the Lodge must have failed to make the desired impression. It is hoped that the appeal of the Grand Master for a clearer understanding and a closer co-operation in the work of Masonic benevolence will meet with a response to justify every member of the Craft in Ontario in saying with the Psalmist, "I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous foresaken nor his seed begging bread."

In conclusion, the Committee desire to assure the Grand Master that his earnest endeavors, his devotion to the duties of his exalted office and the success which has crowned his efforts will be gratefully remembered by the Craft in Ontario, on whose behalf the Committee wish him many years of health, happiness and prosperity with the fervent hope that Grand Lodge may for many years to come have the benefit of his wise counsel and valuable service.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and resolved: That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following Brethren, having been duly elected and nominated by their respective Districts, were duly confirmed in office by the M.W. the Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Green.....	Sioux Lookout
" Robt. T. Stillman.....	Brantford
" Maxwell S. Armstrong....	Hanover
" John A. McCallum.....	Chatham
" Glenn A. Shaver.....	Lunenburg
" Harvey A. Carscallen.....	Enterprise
" Chas. G. Kirkpatrick.....	Orillia
" Albert E. Colgan.....	Markdale
" James H. Bates.....	Dundas
" Chester J. Martindale....	York
" Samuel R. Sampson.....	London
" John L. Moore.....	Parry Sound
" Sidney J. Wilson.....	Beamsville
" Horace F. Goodfellow.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" George Harvey Linklater..	Teeswater
" Frank H. Brown.....	Port Hope
" Jas. A. Ross.....	Ottawa
" Benj. Buchanan.....	Warkworth
" Francis E. Brown.....	Madoc
" Wm. A. Campbell.....	Strathroy
" James A. Myers.....	Mitchell
" John A. Derbyshire.....	Brockville
" Geo. R. Stevenson.....	St. Thomas
" Ernest J. Mason.....	S. Porcupine
" Harry J. Alexander.....	Weston
" John D. Spence.....	Toronto
" Walter E. Hopkings.....	Toronto
" Thos. A. Carson.....	Toronto
" Sidney Johnston.....	Lindsay
" Alex. Jaffray.....	Guelph
" Joaquin M. Stevens.....	Woodstock
" Wm. S. Settingington.....	Leamington

The newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters were formally installed and invested by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, with the exception of R.W. Bros. H. A. Carscallen, C. E. Colgan, W. A. Campbell and

Frank H. Brown. These four Brethren were installed subsequently by direction of the Grand Master.

The newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters were duly acclaimed by Grand Lodge.

DISPOSITION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with the notice of motion given by R.W. Bro. E. J. Wormington, it was moved by R.W. Bro. W. E. Clarke and seconded by W. Bro. Thos. An-nison, That Section 156 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words:

“He shall read or cause to be read at one or more of the regular meetings of his Lodge such portions of the proceedings of the last meeting of Grand Lodge as in his opinion will prove most instructive and beneficial to the members of his Lodge.”

The motion was carried.

The following motions, explained by the M.W. the Grand Master in the absence of M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, who had given notice of the motions, were presented by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and were all carried:

To amend the Book of Constitution by substituting the following clauses for the clauses similarly numbered:

SECTION 4—

Grand Lodge may on motion constitute any brother of eminence and ability, who has rendered service to the Craft, and who hails from a foreign jurisdiction, an honorary member thereof, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate.

SECTION 5—

This clause to be amended by adding to the Officers of Grand Lodge ten Grand Stewards and not more than five Assistant Grand Chaplains.

SECTION 7—

The Board of General Purposes, on its first day of meeting, preceding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, shall appoint four or more Masters or Past Masters of Lodges as a Committee on Credentials.

SECTION 11—

The Officers of Grand Lodge, except the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the members of the Board of General Purposes, shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the members of the Board of General Purposes shall hold office for two years, but shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment. (This amendment to be effective from and after the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1927.)

SECTION 13—

This clause to be amended by omitting the words: "except the Grand Tyler."

SECTION 14—

The place at which the next meeting of Grand Lodge is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place for which the largest number of votes is cast shall be regarded as the place selected. Nominations for the place of holding Grand Lodge shall be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary before the first day of May and shall be referred to the Board of General Purposes. Only those places which are approved by the Board shall appear upon the nomination paper.

SECTION 28—

Grand Lodge may on motion, in recognition of eminence, ability or service rendered, confer upon any of its own members such rank as it may deem appropriate, but not above that of Past Grand Senior Warden.

SECTION 29—

To eliminate this whole section.

SECTION 33—

The composition of the Board of General Purposes to be changed by adding to it the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Registrar and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

SECTION 34—

This section to be amended by adding to the list of officers: "Assistant Grand Chaplains," immediately following "The Past Grand Director of Ceremonies."

SECTION 36—

A Past Master of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, who has been duly registered in the books of Grand Lodge, is entitled to his rank as a Past Master as from the date of affiliation, in any Lodge with which he may affiliate.

SECTION 37—

The privileges of Masonic rank under this Grand Lodge shall be restricted to those who have obtained rank under this jurisdiction, except as provided in section 139.

SECTION 48—

He may by warrant appoint any brother to represent Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge and may recommend any brother to represent a sister Grand Lodge in this Grand Lodge. If such latter Grand representative fails to attend three consecutive annual communications, without satisfactory explanation, his representation shall be deemed to be terminated.

SECTION 59—

This section to be amended by adding a new sub-section viii: To allow service under dispensation to rank as service under warrant in the case of a brother who has filled the office of Master or Warden in the same Lodge for not less than twelve months, partly under dispensation and partly under warrant.

SECTION 77—

He shall send to the Grand Secretary before July first a brief account in duplicate of his proceedings and of the state of Masonry within his district, together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since the last return.

SECTION 83—

This section to be amended by changing the last sentence to read as follows:

"He shall be the custodian of the bonds of the Grand Secretary and his assistants."

SECTION 120—

This section to be amended by inserting the following words after the words, "Grand Secretary": "and such of his assistants as the Board may decide."

SECTION 126—

The Grand Master, if present, shall preside in Grand Lodge. If, at any meeting thereof, annual or especial, except a meeting called to assist in the performance of a ceremony, the Grand Master be absent, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside. If the Deputy Grand Master also be absent, the senior Past Grand Master present shall preside. In the absence of all of the foregoing, Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the elective Grand Officer next in rank and seniority, who may be present, and if no elective Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge present.

SECTION 160—

To amend this clause by inserting the following words after "Grand Secretary": "within four weeks after the twenty-fourth of June and twenty-seventh of December in each year."

SECTION 205—

To amend this clause by inserting in the Form of Petition for Affiliation the following words:

"I am not in debt to any Lodge for dues or otherwise."

SECTION 219—

No. 219 (a) Any brother who neglects to pay his dues may be suspended for such neglect by his Lodge. Notice of such suspension shall be given to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Lodge is situated.

No. 219 (b) Any brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored without a ballot, provided that, at any time within three years from the date of his suspension, he pays all arrears owing at the time of suspension and such further sum, if any, as the Lodge may require, not exceeding the regular amount of Lodge dues for the period during which he was suspended. A brother who has been under suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues, can be restored only by a majority ballot vote of the members present and voting, and then only on payment of the sum heretofore provided in this section.

SECTION 245—

To amend this section by changing line 26 to read:

"For every Mason joining from another Lodge, including honorary and charter members, fifty cents."

And to add a new paragraph, as follows:

"For registration and Grand Lodge certificate for a brother who, having been initiated in a foreign jurisdiction, has joined here and has received the M. M. Degree in this jurisdiction, two dollars and fifty cents."

SECTION 249—

No warrant for a new Lodge shall be granted until there is furnished by the District Deputy Grand Master a certificate to the effect that the Lodge which is working under dispensation is provided with suitable furniture and regalia, nor until satisfactory evidence is furnished to the Board that the Lodge under dispensation was instituted prior to the first day of April next preceding.

SECTION 262—

To amend this section by adding on page 91, line 14, after the words, "Grand Junior Deacon," the words "Assistant Grand Chaplain."

And, on page 95, after line 20, the words, "Past Assistant Grand Chaplains, same as Grand Chaplain, but with the word 'Assistant' placed above the book and triangle."

RULES RESPECTING BENEVOLENCE—

To amend the rules by adding to section 4 (a) the following words: "Whenever a Lodge does not wish a renewal of a grant, the Secretary of the Lodge shall notify the Grand Secretary to that effect before the first of June."

RULES RESPECTING TRIALS—

Rule 61. To amend this rule by striking out all the words from the beginning to the words "Grand Lodge" in the eighth line, and substituting for them the following:

No. 61 (a) When a Lodge recommends to Grand Lodge, as provided in Rule 34, that a brother be expelled, the papers together with a full report of the proceedings, shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least fifteen days before the next Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge. Should Grand Lodge confirm the recommendation, or itself so direct"

And by adding a new section, as follows:

No. 61 (b) When the Lodge does not recommend expulsion, but the offence charged is of a serious or criminal character, the papers and a full report of the proceedings shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary in the manner prescribed in the next preceding sub-section, and shall be laid by him before the Board of General Purposes, and the Board may report the same to Grand Lodge for further consideration, wish such recommendation as it may deem proper. Should the Board recommend that the brother be expelled and such recommendation be adopted, or should Grand Lodge so direct, the same proceedings shall be had and taken as are prescribed in the next preceding sub-section.

RULE 72—

To amend this rule by striking out all the words from the beginning to the word "petition" in the fourth line and substituting for them—

"Any Mason suspended for non-payment of dues, seeking reinstatement, shall be restored to membership without presenting a petition, in accordance with section 219 (b) of the Constitution, etc., etc."

PRESENTATION TO THE GRAND TREASURER

R.W. Bro. James Gill requested permission from the Grand Master to address the Grand Treasurer on behalf of the retiring District Deputy Grand Masters. The permission being granted, R.W. Bro. Gill read the following address written by R.W. Bro. C. M. Forbes:

Wednesday, April 21st, 1926.

Most Worshipful E. T. Malone, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, Port Arthur, Ontario.

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother:

Our Grand Lodge occupies a particularly fortunate position in the men composing her executive officers. Ability, sincerity and a high sense of honour are characteristics for which our officers are noted, contributing in no small degree to the good name enjoyed by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario among the Masonic jurisdictions of the world.

In no department of the numerous activities of Grand Lodge is there more room for the expression of a truly Masonic spirit than that which has to do with the guidance

and direction of the representatives of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, entering upon their duties in a field which demands caution, patience, diligence and sound judgment.

For the past twenty-five years it has fallen to your lot, Most Worshipful Sir, to initiate the newly elected District Deputies into the duties of their office. And it may be truthfully said that this has been done almost invariably in circumstances which by their very nature might not be expected to be productive of the best results; usually performed at the close of the first day's Grand Lodge proceedings, the district meetings just closed, District Deputies in a state of mental tension from the strain of meetings and crowding, and not in the calmest state to receive lessons and advice.

But the wonderful influences of gentleness and kindness, patience and thoroughness have their effect when practised by a master of these arts, and generations past and present of those brought to the office of D.D.G.M. have experienced the gratification of knowing how confidently they could depend upon you to blaze the trail for them into the new land of Masonic fellowship and fraternity.

Most Worshipful Sir, the District Deputies of 1925-26 feel that they have been highly honoured in receiving instruction from you. They wish you to know how much you have helped in directing the way of safe conduct through a Masonic year and they wish in some tangible way to express to you their sincere admiration and respect for all those good qualities of mind and heart which have been so nobly and splendidly manifested in our relationships with you as teacher, guide and friend.

As we have been informed of your intention at some time early in the future to relinquish the post which you have honored so signally during the past quarter of a century, will you accept from us these tokens of our warm respect and deep admiration.

May this gold-headed cane and umbrella serve as symbols to remind you of days when we were near and heard your voice and enjoyed the sunshine of your presence. And may the will of the Most High direct all your paths to the honour and glory of his name.

Signed by the D.D.G.Ms. of 1925-1926.

The Grand Treasurer was visibly affected by this display of the affection and respect, but made a brief and effective reply, accepting the tokens of friendship amid the long continued applause of the Brethren.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The scrutineers of the ballot were sworn in by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton and the election of officers was proceeded with.

R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers, presented the following report of the Brethren duly elected to the various offices and to the Board of General Purposes; also of the place selected for the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Toronto.
Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John S. Martin, Port Dover.
Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. A. Rome, Port Arthur.
Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. A. M. Heron, Toronto.
Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. A. L. Burch, Toronto.
Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto.
Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton.
Grand Registrar, R.W. Bro. J. J. Buchanan, Toronto.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Toronto.
R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus, Stratford.
R.W. Bro. C. E. Kelly, Hamilton.
R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Putman, Ottawa.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Guelph.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the officers elect, who were proclaimed and saluted with Grand Honours.

APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following as members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. J. McC. Potts, Sterling.
 R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, Napanee.
 R.W. Bro. A. W. Gray, Brockville.
 V.W. Bro. Jno. Pearson, Toronto.
 R.W. Bro. G. C. Bonnycastle, Bowmanville.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren as Officers of Grand Lodge:

Grand Senior Deacon, V.W. Bro. Albert W. Baker, Guelph.
 Grand Junior Deacon, V.W. Bro. Chas. F. Heebner, Toronto.
 Grand Supt. of Works, V.W. Bro. H. W. Lothrop, Ottawa.
 Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Rev. W. H. Hartley, Ford.
 Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Rev. K. McGoun, Lucan.
 Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. A. H. Allman, Gravenhurst.
 Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. W. G. Swayne, Bath.
 Asst. Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. A. H. Loughheed, Toronto.
 Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. A. McKennedy, Toronto.
 Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Frank W. Sprules, Hamilton.
 Grand Sword Bearer, V.W. Bro. Geo. J. Emery, Niagara Falls.
 Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Chas. H. Leslie, Toronto.
 Asst. Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Geo. H. Armstrong, Toronto.
 Grand Pursuivant, V.W. Bro. Albert P. Freed, Port Arthur.

Grand Stewards

V.W. Bro. Fred Adams, Lambeth.
 " Chas. G. Ade, Copper Cliff.
 " Roy F. Bennett, Oshawa.
 " Roy C. Birrell, Port Dalhousie.
 " Frank B. Bolton, Newboro'.
 " Frank V. Buffam, Perth.
 " Jas. R. Bulmer, Toronto.
 " Percy E. Byrne, Beaverton.
 " John M. Campbell, Owen Sound.
 " Clarence E. Coombes, Fort William.
 " W. H. Cresswell, Lindsay.
 " Chas. E. Davidson, Glencoe.
 " Chester L. Eedy, Harriston.

- " Geo. Ford, Georgetown.
- " Wm. J. Fuller, New Liskeard.
- " Clare W. Grandy, Alliston.
- " Wm. Grunder, Tiverton.
- " Alex. Hain, Toronto.
- " Ivan W. Holmes, Jarvis.
- " John Howe, Havelock.
- " J. R. Inksater, Paris.
- " Wm. B. Johnson, Toronto.
- " Alex. McIntyre, Tillsonburg.
- " Edward J. McMartin, Hamilton.
- " Arthur S. McPherson, Hamilton.
- " F. J. Mahoney, Amherstburg.
- " Sydney W. Mayhew, Woodbridge.
- " Conrad Miller, Toronto.
- " Samuel N. Milligan, Eganville.
- " Harry A. Morgan, Belleville.
- " Clifton J. Murdy, Lucan.
- " Harry L. Preter, Courtright.
- " Joshua W. Reid, Bracebridge.
- " A. Earl Richardson, Aylmer.
- " W. G. R. Robinson, Cochrane.
- " John Rogerson, Toronto.
- " E. F. Singer, Toronto.
- " Robt. Thompson, Toronto.
- " Wm. P. Walker, Cardinal.
- " Albert C. Welsh, Windsor.
- " Louis Wickett, Lindsay.

Grand Standard Bearers

- V.W. Bro. James Malcolm, Markham.
- " Paul E. Lumsden, Hamilton.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ANNIVERSARY

It was moved by W. Bro. G. C. Kirby, seconded by R.W. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough, and resolved: That the Grand Master appoint a Committee to report at the next Annual Communication on a suitable scheme to celebrate the Seventy-first Anniversary of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

VOTES OF THANKS

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and resolved: That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Mayors of Fort William and Port Arthur for the successful efforts of their respective municipal corpora-

tions for the pleasure, safety and comfort of the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton and resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Brethren of the Twin Cities, and also to the ladies for their attention and care, which made the visit one long to be remembered.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. Dunlop, and resolved: That the thanks and appreciation of Grand Lodge be tendered to W. Bro. Kirk of Georgetown, for the beautiful flowers which adorned the rooms of Grand Lodge during its meetings.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The Grand Chaplain having invoked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the members of this Grand Lodge during the coming recess, Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at one o'clock in the afternoon.

W. N. Logan

Grand Secretary.



RETURNS OF LODGES AS

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara.....	Niagara.....	Geo. W. Irvine.....	A. J. Wood.....
3	aAnct. St. John's.....	Kingston.....	H. W. Davis.....	A. W. Cathcart.....
5	aSussex.....	Brockville.....	W. G. Kennedy.....	Thos. H. Guest.....
6	aBarton.....	Hamilton.....	R. H. Gapes.....	W. H. F. Whateley.....
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	W. M. Stewart.....	L. A. Bromley.....
9	aUnion.....	Napanee.....	Geo. D. Robson.....	J. G. Fennell.....
10	aNorfolk.....	Simcoe.....	A. B. Jackson.....	S. L. Krompart.....
11	aMoira.....	Belleville.....	F. G. Chamberlain.....	Geo. Dulmage.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth.....	H. A. Dunne.....	F. V. Buffam.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	Arthur Dean.....	A. N. Lindsay.....
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	P. L. Fraser.....	Wm. Lawrence.....
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	Fred R. Drewry.....	M. A. Hewson.....
18	aPrince Edward.....	Pictou.....	W. T. Pope.....	Jas. H. Colden.....
20	aSt. John's.....	London.....	Paul L. Doig.....	Rich Booth.....
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	D. J. McIntosh.....	D. S. McPhee.....
22	aKing Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Ernest Manifold.....	Chas. T. Hoare.....
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	J. R. Herrington.....	N. F. A. Batty.....
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	R. G. Allport.....	G. W. Fluker.....
25	aIonic.....	Toronto.....	H. E. Ridout.....	W. M. Hargraft.....
26	aOntario.....	Port Hope.....	L. C. Bonny.....	F. H. Batty.....
27	aStrict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	Rev. G. W. Tebbs.....	H. W. Linton.....
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	W. A. McClenaghan.....	S. H. Guest.....
29	aUnited.....	Brighton.....	R. G. Bird.....	B. C. H. Becker.....
30	aComposite.....	Whitby.....	W. F. Harden.....	J. W. Bateman.....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	John Baker.....	Thos. Annison.....
32	aAmity.....	Dunnville.....	W. H. Harvey.....	S. W. Lymburner.....
33	aMaitland.....	Goderich.....	A. J. Mackay.....	R. J. Megaw.....
34	aThistle.....	Amherstburg.....	J. E. McGee.....	L. J. Pettypiece.....
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	R. S. Colter.....	H. J. Hosbal.....
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	S. H. McGill.....	R. T. Agar.....
38	aTrent.....	Trenton.....	M. W. Anderson.....	W. J. Potts.....
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	A. J. Cook.....	Thos. R. Price.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton.....	Ross Head.....	B. L. Simpson.....
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville.....	K. B. Oxley.....	L. E. Frost.....
42	aSt. George's.....	London.....	W. L. Day.....	Thos. Dickson.....
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	W. L. MacWhinnie.....	A. W. Massie.....
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	F. H. Baldwin.....	F. W. Judd.....
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	Robt. Wilcock.....	Geo. Whitwill.....
46	aWellington.....	Chatham.....	Thos. Sisman.....	J. A. MacGregor.....
47	aGreat Western.....	Windsor.....	John A. Campbell.....	John Fry.....
48	aMadoc.....	Madoc.....	R. G. Warren.....	A. D. Cochran.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon.....	W. W. Ward.....	H. J. Chase.....
52	aDalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	A. L. Boswell.....	H. W. Jackson.....
54	aVaughan.....	Maple.....	W. A. Couper.....	J. T. Pollock.....
55	aMerrickville.....	Merrickville.....	M. T. Carson.....	M. G. Corbett.....
56	aVictoria.....	Sarnia.....	W. G. Randall.....	H. W. Unsworth.....
57	aHarmony.....	Binbrook.....	A. L. Burkholder.....	Jas. D. Rose.....
58	aDoric.....	Ottawa.....	W. M. Maclean.....	J. A. Ross.....
61	aAcacia.....	Hamilton.....	T. H. Simpson.....	C. E. Kelly.....
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	R. J. Shaw.....	Thos. J. Hicks.....
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place.....	F. C. McDiarmid.....	D. H. McIntosh.....
64	aKilwinning.....	London.....	W. A. McWilliams.....	W. Lancaster.....
65	aRehoboam.....	Toronto.....	Geo. Paton.....	Geo. H. Mitchell.....
66	aDurham.....	Newcastle.....	Wallace Holmes.....	J. W. Bradley.....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	John Lee.....	P. L. Smith.....
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	W. H. Rollins.....	C. F. Linn.....
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	A. G. Malcolm.....	A. J. Oliver.....
73	aSt. James.....	St. Mary's.....	E. W. White.....	N. L. Brandon.....
74	aSt. James.....	S. Augusta.....	W. S. Warner.....	F. L. Bissell.....

AT DECEMBER 31, 1925.

Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.

are corrected up to July 18, 1926.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
2	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	5		1	2	1			1	166
3	1st Thursday	8	7	7	1	3	8					387
5	3rd Monday	18	20	25	3	3	7	6			2	417
6	2nd Wednesday	6	6	11	6	4	11	4				539
7	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	1	2	3	3				1	225
9	Frid. on or bef. F.M.	6	2	2	3	3	3	4			2	264
10	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	6	8	1	3					203
11	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	18	22	28	5		11	2			3	439
14	1st Monday	9	8	8		2						195
15	2nd Tuesday	15	19	18	1	1	1	1				314
16	2nd Tuesday	16	19	17	3	6	10	10			1	697
17	2nd Tuesday	10	11	14	5		3				1	277
18	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	5	4	5	3	4			3	270
20	2nd Tuesday	11	18	18	2	1	7	8				506
21	aTues. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	4	2	1	1					115
22	2nd Thursday	8	9	10		1	6	13				487
23	3rd Wednesday	6	6	7	2	1	3					126
24	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	7	4	6	4					239
25	1st Wednesday	3	7	10	1	4	9					361
26	3rd Friday	7	11	11	2	1	3				2	190
27	3rd Friday	13	15	13	2	6	14	11			1	519
28	Friday bef. F.M.	4	4	3	1	3	2	3				101
29	1st Tuesday	2	2	4		4	3					205
30	1st Friday	5	3	2	4	1	1	5				154
31	2nd Wednesday	14	15	12		4	2	14			4	208
32	Wed. on or after F.M.	17	12	12	3	1	7				3	219
33	2nd Tuesday	14	11	12	2	4	6	2			1	238
34	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	3		1	2	5				177
35	Thurs. on or after F.M.	2	2	1	1	1	2	5			2	114
37	1st Friday	3	3	2	1	3	5	5				196
38	2nd Tuesday	15	20	20	5	3	5	6			2	270
39	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	5	1							100
40	3rd Thursday	9	12	10	2	4	10	15				653
41	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	18	18	22	5	1	3					270
42	1st Thursday	11	8	9	3	4	8	4				360
43	1st Tuesday	17	17	27	7	8	8	24			4	425
44	1st Thursday	15	11	12		2	6	9				518
45	2nd Tuesday	25	17	12	5	5	7	6				491
46	1st Monday	20	18	17	2	3	4	15				366
47	1st Thursday	29	28	31		13	10	44			4	931
48	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	3	3	1	2	4	1			1	170
50	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	1	3	5	2	4				94
52	1st Tuesday	4	4	8	2	2	4	8			1	498
54	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3								87
55	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	2	1		2					117
56	1st Tuesday	10	7	9	2	3	3	4				371
57	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	9	12	8	1	1						167
58	1st Friday	9	9	11	2	2	3	3				407
61	2nd Friday	32	35	35	14	13	4	9			3	870
62	3rd Thursday	7	6	8	1	1						137
63	2nd Friday	4	6	6	2	1		2				242
64	3rd Friday	34	27	36	3		6	8				475
65	1st Thursday	22	18	23		5	12	7			2	659
66	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4	2	2	1	2				94
68	3rd Friday	2	2	2			3					165
69	Thursday on or aft. F.M.	1	1	1	1	2	2	2			1	134
72	Last Tuesday	4	8	8		4	2	8				251
73	1st Monday	9	10	9	2	6	2				1	160
74	Mon. nearest F.M.	4	2	3				3				81

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	B. E. Garrett.....	Wm. J. Charles.....
76	aOxford.....	Woodstock.....	F. J. Stalker.....	J. W. Dutton.....
77	aFaithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	John T. Hornsby.....	C. L. Davidson.....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	Stanley Buckrell.....	H. McQueen.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	M. G. Waldruff.....	F. Kilkenny.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	C. B. Steer.....	G. E. Longfield.....
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	John Newton.....	Robt. Mason.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	W. B. Ferguson.....	R. F. Richardson.....
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	S. E. Rozell.....	H. B. Chant.....
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	S. L. Snowdon.....	A. W. Parish.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	R. G. Ward.....	W. L. Lawer.....
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	F. F. Freeman.....	L. A. Kennedy.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	M. C. G. Bebee.....	John M. Campbell.....
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.....	Jas. Johnstone.....	D. M. Hughes.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	W. G. Robertson.....	John T. Gordon.....
92	aCatarqui.....	Kingston.....	F. A. Haffner.....	W. H. Dalby.....
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kincardine.....	John R. McKay.....	M. J. McPherson.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	Wm. Williamson.....	H. G. Goodhue.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	E. Shear.....	A. H. Felt.....
97	aSharon.....	Queensville.....	A. E. Morton.....	J. B. Aylward.....
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	B. R. Leaven.....	Geo. Lockwood.....
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	Arthur Winn.....	P. J. Anderson.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	Wm. J. Mulligan.....	F. A. Latschaw.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterborough.....	A. W. McPherson.....	R. F. Downey.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	D. A. Robson.....	H. J. Johnston.....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	Bert Barnam.....	E. W. Moles.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	B. Hetherington.....	H. F. Garner.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	Wm. L. Bennett.....	Geo. Armstrong.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	Floyd Brooks.....	R. A. McDougall.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeston.....	R. E. Slemmon.....	C. P. Cowan.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith.....	E. F. Purcell.....	C. A. Copp.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	A. M. Edward.....	C. H. Ranson.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford.....	R. K. Robinson.....	D. A. Hill.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	Geo. W. Garnett.....	Thos. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	L. R. Hipple.....	W. D. Fairbrother.....
116	aCassia.....	Theftford.....	R. J. Ross.....	C. L. Langford.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	W. E. Sloan.....	R. W. Stewart.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. H. Mellow.....	F. G. Young.....
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	A. A. Silcox.....	D. Cameron.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	H. A. Jull.....	T. R. Logan.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	C. Loken.....	Jas. F. Mayhew.....
123	aBelleville.....	Belleville.....	C. A. W. Thompson.....	John McCarthy.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	Wm. Reid.....	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	G. H. Free.....	F. C. Bonycastle.....
127	aFrank.....	Frankford.....	G. G. McFarland.....	Geo. D. Wright.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	D. W. Blakely.....	W. F. Garrow.....
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	O. N. Birchard.....	S. C. Taylor.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	Fred Piper.....	Fred Goodier.....
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	Thos. Pryde.....	R. N. Creech.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	R. W. Clements.....	P. D. Shorey.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	S. S. Ball.....	A. V. Nolan.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	O. A. Keffler.....	F. H. Finlay.....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	W. L. Pierson.....	W. A. Hare.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	W. L. Orton.....	A. E. Richardson.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	A. E. Robinson.....	W. D. Perry.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	D. T. Henderson.....	W. C. Davy.....
143	aFriendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	S. D. Merkle.....	H. Hamilton.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	D. McCallum.....	S. W. Rust.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	P. I. Bentley.....	Chas. Thorndyke.....

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No of Lodges	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend N. P. D.	Suspend U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
75	1st Monday.....	6	8	10	2	1	6	7			3	394
76	2nd Monday.....	6	7	8	3	5		10			6	307
77	1st Friday.....	4	2	1	1	4	8	6				339
78	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	11	6	10	1	3	6	6				265
79	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	3	7	7			3					134
81	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	6	7	4	1	1				1		116
82	2nd Tuesday.....	9	10	12	3	4	3					204
83	3rd Friday.....	5	7	5	3	4	5					196
84	Friday on or bef. F.M.....	11	7	9	1		2					134
85	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	3	4	4	2		1					93
86	3rd Tuesday.....	15	13	14	1	14	9	12				480
87	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	2	3	3	1		1					176
88	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	9	5	7	1	2	2	2			2	252
90	2nd Tuesday.....	10	10	10	2	8	5	2			1	272
91	3rd Friday.....	10	5	8	1		2	17			8	135
92	2nd Friday.....	15	13	12		1	8	14				451
93	1st Wednesday.....	12	15	13	2	3	3					188
94	2nd Tuesday.....	5	5	3	2		1					93
96	1st Thursday.....	11	11	10	4		3					335
97	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	10	8	4			1				3	114
98	Friday on or aft. F.M.....	1				1	2	3			2	68
99	2nd Wednesday.....	7	8	6	1		1					156
100	2nd Monday.....	9	8	10	2	5	1	2				313
101	3rd Friday.....	13	13	15	5	4	2					253
103	Last Thursday.....	11	12	5	1		2					387
104	Tue. on or aft. F.M.....	3	2	4	4		2				1	164
105	2nd Tuesday.....	14	11	10	2	3	5				2	319
106	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	10	8	8	2	2	1					150
107	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	2	2	4		1						113
108	Fri. on or aft. F.M.....	2	1	1	1	1	1				1	99
109	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	5	9	12								155
110	1st Tuesday.....	6	8	11	1	1	1	3				186
113	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	5	6	7	1	10	4	2				173
114	1st Friday.....	10	16	19	1	1	1					267
115	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	11	13	9	6		3	10				213
116	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....		1	3	2	2						76
118	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	8	6	4	1	1	1				2	80
119	Monday after F.M.....	3	2	3		1	3	1				124
120	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	1	2	1			2	2				79
121	3rd Friday.....	20	16	13	5	5	11	6				670
122	1st Monday.....	10	5	2		2	4	2				175
123	1st Thursday.....	14	15	15	3	5	6	12			5	342
125	1st Wednesday.....	10	9	13	1		4	4				214
126	1st Tuesday.....	9	11	10	2	5	3					204
127	Monday before F.M.....	15	13	9			3				1	171
128	1st Thursday.....	5	4	2		7	2	12				203
129	1st Tuesday.....	5	3	3		3	3	7				163
131	Tue. on or aft. F. M.....	6	5	3			1	5			1	117
133	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	9	9	11	2	5	2					126
135	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	5	6	6	2		2					151
136	Fri. on or aft. F.M.....	5	3	2		5	2	4				78
137	1st Tuesday.....	8	7		2	1	1					147
139	2nd Tuesday.....	16	11	16	6		3	3				288
140	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	5	9	8	2		1					168
141	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	4	3	3	1	5		2			1	139
142	1st Friday.....	4	4	3	3		1					105
143	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	1	2	2	1	2	2					132
144	3rd Friday.....	9	10	16	3	5	7	9			4	380
145	2nd Thursday.....	3	3	3		2	2				1	101

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
146	aPrince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	T. W. Warner.....	Delbert Sexsmith.....
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	Jack Garrard.....	S. Bradley.....
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	Fred G. Smith.....	H. W. Lothrop.....
149	aErie.....	Port Dover.....	Rev. D. J. Cornish.....	John C. King.....
151	aGrand River.....	Kitchener.....	R. Snow.....	P. Fisher.....
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	W. S. Steadman.....	Alex. McManus.....
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	D. G. Ross.....	C. J. Murdy.....
155	aPeterborough.....	Peterborough.....	W. A. Richardson.....	F. H. Dobbin.....
156	aYork.....	Toronto.....	T. Grice.....	W. E. Hofland.....
157	aSimpson.....	Newboro'.....	Chas. P. Bass.....	B. F. Bolton.....
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	J. S. Penfound.....	J. W. Sutherland.....
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond.....	Jas. E. Gamble.....	S. B. Gordon.....
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth.....	R. R. Mallory.....	A. M. Smale.....
162	aForest.....	Wroxeter.....	Gordon A. Gibson.....	Thos. Brown.....
164	aStar of the East.....	Wellington.....	W. E. King.....	E. L. Hubbs.....
165	aBurlington.....	Burlington.....	W. J. Cannon.....	Jas. S. Allen.....
166	aWentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	W. S. Milmine.....	John H. Lee.....
168	aMerritt.....	Welland.....	N. G. Michener.....	H. E. Dawdy.....
169	aMacnab.....	Port Colborne.....	H. P. Roe.....	R. Taylor.....
170	aBritannia.....	Seaforth.....	Malcolm McKellar.....	C. Aberhart.....
171	aPrince of Wales.....	Lawrence Sta.....	Francis Coutts.....	A. W. Loucks.....
172	aAyr.....	Ayr.....	Jas. E. Woolsey.....	A. D. McIntyre.....
174	aWalsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	Wm. Hunter.....	J. E. Biddle.....
177	aThe Builders.....	Ottawa.....	A. C. Brown.....	J. J. McGill.....
178	aPlattsville.....	Plattsville.....	Thos. Cuthbertson.....	John Bristow.....
180	aSpeed.....	Guelph.....	E. W. Hogan.....	Bard Whetstone.....
181	aOriental.....	Port Burwell.....	S. G. Woods.....	Rev. L. W. Diehl.....
184	aOld Light.....	Lucknow.....	Robt. Brown.....	R. V. McKenzie.....
185	aEnniskillen.....	York.....	O. Peart.....	E. S. Bradt.....
186	aPlantagenet.....	Riceville.....	W. A. Peresian.....	G. A. Ryan.....
190	aBelmont.....	Belmont.....	W. A. Hunt.....	J. F. Turner.....
192	aOrillia.....	Orillia.....	Geo. C. Brown.....	Wm. J. Boyle.....
193	aScotland.....	Scotland.....	Percy D. Smith.....	C. W. Stuart.....
194	aPetrolia.....	Petrolia.....	D. W. Mattheson.....	J. R. Steadman.....
195	aTuscan.....	London.....	W. N. Humphries.....	B. H. Higgins.....
196	aMadawaska.....	Arnprior.....	G. W. Moer.....	Henry Newham.....
197	aSaugeen.....	Walkerton.....	C. M. Gibson.....	C. T. Boss.....
200	aSt. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	E. A. Roos.....	Geo. F. S. LeWarne.....
201	aLeeds.....	Gananoque.....	W. T. McLaughlin.....	A. L. Knight.....
203	aIrvine.....	Elora.....	E. M. Schroeder.....	R. D. Cardno.....
205	aNew Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	Philip Harold.....	E. S. Bechtel.....
207	aLancaster.....	Lancaster.....	Albert McIntosh.....	John C. Dunlop.....
209	aEvergreen.....	Lanark.....	John M. Strang.....	Robt. Wilson.....
209a	aSt. John's.....	London.....	G. A. Wheable.....	Edwin Smith.....
215	aLake.....	Ameliasburg.....	Leonard Wood.....	H. E. Redner.....
216	aHarris.....	Orangeville.....	J. T. Thomas.....	John Norris.....
217	aFrederick.....	Delhi.....	T. J. House.....	A. R. Hargrave.....
218	aStevenson.....	Toronto.....	Thos. Creighton.....	H. C. H. Corneil.....
219	aCredit.....	Georgetown.....	Wm. H. Long.....	Geo. Ford.....
220	aZeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	Thos. C. Leask.....	V. M. Hare.....
221	aMountain.....	Thorold.....	C. B. Macartney.....	W. J. Mable.....
222	aMarmora.....	Marmora.....	G. B. Airhart.....	D. E. Bell.....
223	aNerwood.....	Norwood.....	W. W. Scott.....	J. F. Pearce.....
224	aZurich.....	Hensall.....	John M. Glenn.....	A. W. E. Hemphill.....
225	aBernard.....	Listowel.....	Stanley Coghlin.....	J. H. Blackmore.....
228	aPrince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	Percy Wright.....	E. S. Parrott.....
229	aIonic.....	Brampton.....	C. F. Drinkwater.....	W. J. Fenton.....
230	aKerr.....	Barrie.....	Louis O. Vair.....	W. N. Duff.....
231	aLodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	R. J. Elliott.....	Robt. Shaw.....

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146	Wed. bef. F.M.	1	1	2	1	3	2	3				89
147	1st Friday	3	5	3	1							156
148	2nd Tuesday	6	7	9	5	6	2					351
149	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1		1	1	1						125
151	2nd Tuesday	14	9	6	5	2	5	1				374
153	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	6	1	5	3					125
154	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	6	4	8	1	1			1	116
155	1st Friday	12	13	3	3	1	4				1	340
156	3rd Friday	17	17	15	2	5	5	2				431
157	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1		2	1					85
158	Thurs. on or after F.M.	2	1	1		1						98
159	Tues. on or bef. F.M.			1							1	87
161	1st Wednesday	9	12	6	1	2					3	111
162	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	2								63
164	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	4	2			1					140
165	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	17	16	13	9	3	1	5				236
166	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	13	12	14	1	4	1	6				274
168	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	15	13	9	3	5	2	3			1	241
169	2nd Tuesday	12	13	12		2	3					193
170	1st Monday	6	2	2		2	1	7				139
171	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2								50
172	2nd Monday	5	2	4	1	2	1				1	87
174	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	3	1	2		2			2	117
177	2nd Friday	6	7	9	3	8	3	3				427
178	Fri. on or bef. F.M.		1	1			1	3				64
180	1st Tuesday	8	9	8	6	4	3	9				305
181	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	12	1	2	1				2	72
184	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	15	14	12	3	2	3				1	166
185	Mon. on or bef. F.M.				1	1						73
186	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3		3		1			2	60
190	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	3		1	1					108
192	1st Friday	15	15	17	6	8	5	5			2	415
193	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	6	6	1	2	2	2			1	131
194	2nd Wednesday	8	10	9		2	4				1	202
195	1st Monday	8	11	11	5	3		1				293
196	2nd Monday	9	10	7			1	2				162
197	2nd Tuesday	7	8	6	9	1	1	2			1	156
200	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	6	1	1	2	2				115
201	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	6			2	7				257
203	3rd Friday	2	2	2	1	1					1	119
205	Mon. after F.M.	5	6	3		1	1	3				55
207	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	3		4	1	4				121
209	1st Tuesday	4	2	2			2				1	92
209a	1st Friday	15	15	16	7	7	7	7			3	639
215	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	3	1	2	1				1	103
216	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	8	3	9	2	1				238
217	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	2	2	1		2			1	93
218	2nd Monday	10	8	9		9	5	7			1	389
219	2nd Friday	4	2	3	1	2	2	2			2	153
220	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	2	1		3	5			1	198
221	2nd Thursday	4	7	6	2	2	1	1				268
222	3rd Monday	6	7	7	1		1	4			1	128
223	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	2	2	2	1	9			2	108
224	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	5		3	3					96
225	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	8		5	1	8			1	224
228	Mon. on or after F.M.	3	4	4		5						106
229	3rd Tuesday	11	9	11	1	2	1	3				248
230	3rd Friday	9	12	10	2	4	6					312
231	3rd Tuesday	10	10	12	4	4	1	11			1	426

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
232	aCameron.....	Dutton.....	W. C. Morrish.....	M. S. Claus.....
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	J. M. Hayes.....	J. H. Young.....
234	aBeaver.....	Clarksburg.....	W. E. Boyd.....	Thos. G. Idle.....
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	John M. Hopper.....	H. McKerracher.....
236	aManitoba.....	Cookstown.....	L. A. Arnold.....	T. McKnight.....
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	Chas. D. Coyle.....	S. S. Clutton.....
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	W. C. Aylesworth.....	Peter Garson.....
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	Jos. Emerson.....	
242	aMacoy.....	Mallorytown.....	H. L. Scott.....	John Collins.....
243	aSt. George.....	St. George.....	A. L. Grantham.....	W. J. Scott.....
245	aTecomseh.....	Thamesville.....	J. F. MacMillan.....	Angus Graham.....
247	aAshlar.....	Toronto.....	Chas. P. Smith.....	W. H. Lyon.....
249	aCaledonian.....	Midland.....	J. W. Bald.....	R. R. Wilson.....
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	W. J. McCorqudale.....	D. J. McLeod.....
253	aMinden.....	Kingston.....	H. C. McIlquham.....	R. S. Graham.....
254	aClifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	Norman Gillies.....	J. C. Lymburner.....
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	Fay Craig.....	John French.....
256	aFarran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	H. P. Anderson.....	R. H. Hanes.....
257	aGalt.....	Galt.....	Geo. H. Thomas, Jr.....	E. F. Hetherington.....
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Geo. E. Eagleton.....	F. F. Sweetman.....
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	Geo. Grant.....	Stanley Simpson.....
260	aWashington.....	Petrolia.....	F. W. Scarsbrook.....	H. F. Winter.....
261	aOak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	J. B. Lockhart.....	J. S. Hislop.....
262	aHarrison.....	Harrison.....	F. W. Hardy.....	H. J. Hucks.....
263	aForest.....	Forest.....	Stanley Ellerkin.....	R. B. Crosbie.....
264	aChaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	S. R. Banning.....	Henry Gates.....
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	G. H. Duncan.....	J. A. Thompson.....
266	aNorthern Light.....	Stayner.....	C. V. Tebby.....	D. G. Bell.....
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	Jas. A. Miller.....	J. G. Martin.....
268	aVerulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	Jas. Simms.....	Harry Stinson.....
269	aBrougham Union.....	Claremont.....	Rev. A. McLellan.....	I. F. Dopking.....
270	aCedar.....	Oshawa.....	H. C. Arnott.....	M. L. Argall.....
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	S. Scott.....	T. C. Foster.....
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	H. K. Oglesby.....	Ernest McMullen.....
274	aKent.....	Blenheim.....	W. Addinall.....	John Crookshank.....
276	aTeeswater.....	Teeswater.....	S. E. Jeffery.....	G. S. Fowler.....
277	aSeymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	Peter Snow.....	Thos. O. Johnston.....
279	aNew Hope.....	Hespeler.....	Geo. A. Forbes.....	Arthur Pullam.....
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	J. A. Jones.....	C. G. Yorke.....
283	aEureka.....	Belleville.....	R. D. Adams.....	W. Jeffers Diamond.....
284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	W. E. Willis.....	Wm. Gillespie.....
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	A. N. Banting.....	W. Caesar.....
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	W. A. Galbraith.....	T. M. Smith.....
287	aShuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	F. G. Lovelady.....	A. P. Freed.....
289	aDoric.....	Lobo.....	N. P. Campbell.....	P. L. Graham.....
290	aLeamington.....	Leamington.....	Thos. Mason.....	G. A. Campbell.....
291	aDufferin.....	W. Flamboro'.....	Peter H. Lawson.....	Wesley Green.....
292	aRobertson.....	King.....	Geo. Hatley.....	Jas. E. Burns.....
294	aMoore.....	Courtright.....	L. R. Aiken.....	C. W. Kent.....
295	aConestogo.....	Drayton.....	Geo. A. Liscumb.....	Calvert Scarr.....
296	aTemple.....	St. Catharines.....	Jos. Backus.....	C. A. Brown.....
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	Wm. G. Reid.....	Jos. A. King.....
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	Geo. E. Dopking.....	H. A. Carscallen.....
300	aMount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	J. E. Johnston.....	R. H. Harding.....
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	W. A. Cray.....	W. H. Stapleton.....
303	aBlyth.....	Blyth.....	John A. Snell.....	Robt. S. Pate.....
304	aMinerva.....	Stroud.....	W. R. Allen.....	J. W. Latimer.....
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	A. R. Smith.....	Wm. C. Burrage.....
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	Geo. Yiirs.....	E. A. Hay.....

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232	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	6	2		2	5				127
233	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	8	8	10	1	1	2	1				146
234	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4	1		1	1				100
235	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	1	1	1	2		4				134
236	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	3	2	2		1		1				131
237	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4		3		1				112
238	Tuesday bef. F.M.	6	7	5	4	3	3	7			1	104
239	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	6	6	2	4	4	2				169
242	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	5	2	1		1				137
243	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	7	3	2		1	2				2	97
245	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	7	9								135
247	4th Tuesday	4	5	5	1	8	5	11				443
249	1st Monday	10	11	12	2	4	3	2			2	300
250	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	9	10	9	1	1	1					134
253	1st Tuesday	7	7	6		3	2	1				331
254	1st Thursday	18	19	22	8	2	4	6			1	516
255	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2	2	1		3				152
256	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3		2		1	3					114
257	1st Tuesday	11	9	13	4	3	5	4			2	293
258	2nd Tuesday	13	14	11		3		7				305
259	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	4			2					187
260	1st Wednesday	8	6	10		2	3	1			1	204
261	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3								52
262	2nd Monday	5	6	7	2	2		1			1	120
263	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	6	6	3	2	3					161
264	4th Tuesday	14	13	7	3	3	6	3			5	418
265	3rd Thursday	8	7	6	4	3	1					145
266	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	9	4	5		4		1				82
267	1st Wednesday	28	19	17	1	3	5	8				513
268	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	6	5		2	1				3	97
269	Wed. on or before F.M.	4	4	1								108
270	4th Tuesday	21	14	17	8	1	1					290
271	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	6		3	1					112
272	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	11	12	11		4	3	2			1	210
274	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	16	14	2	3		3				205
276	4th Thursday	9	10	7		1		2				80
277	2nd Wednesday	10	7	7	2		1				1	124
279	2nd Monday	6	6	4		1	1					137
282	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	9	6	5	3		1				1	134
283	Wed. after F.M.	14	12	14	1	2	1				2	295
284	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3		3	2	3			1	119
285	2nd Monday	3	4	7		2	3	4			2	173
286	1st Tuesday	6	6	7	1	2	1					170
287	1st Tuesday	18	17	19	2	5	4	9				478
289	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2		2	1	5			1	119
290	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	10	8	9	3	1	2					307
291	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4		5		4				139
292	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	6		3						83
294	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3		3		1				92
295	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	1	2	2	1	2	1				128
296	3rd Wednesday	10	11	18	2	4	5	1				334
297	3rd Friday	8	6	4	1		3	1			2	170
299	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	3			1	2	5				78
300	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3	1		1	2				95
302	3rd Thurs.	13	17	23	2	4	2				1	486
303	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1		1		5	3	5			2	102
304	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	4	2	1	1					160
305	4th Friday	9	8	7	7	2	1	2				208
306	2nd Tuesday	7	7	6	1	1						142

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The names of the W.M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
307	aArkona	Arkona	L. S. Murray	Otto Schmidt
309	aMorning Star	Carlow	Thos. Wilson	R. D. Munro
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	Jas. Elder	John A. Fraser
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	Thos. Brunt	D. F. Johnson
313	aClementi	Lakefield	Alex. Graham	T. W. B. Marling
314	aBlair	Palmerston	Wm. Scrimgeour	J. Corbitt
315	aClifford	Clifford	Rich. Milligan	Wm. Graef
316	aDoric	Toronto	H. J. Rogers	Geo. W. Wilson
318	aWilmot	Baden	Wm. Glaistor	W. A. Ruthig
319	aHiram	Hagersville	W. B. Hurst	W. C. VanLoon
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	E. B. McMillan	Geo. Elliott
321	aWalker	Acton	John A. Leslie	R. M. McDonald
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound	E. L. Vanstone	A. A. Parks
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	R. H. Brownlee	Jas. Holme
324	aTemple	Hamilton	C. H. Cunningham	H. B. Jackson
325	aOrono	Orono	G. M. Linton	Neil Colville
326	aZetland	Toronto	F. G. McLean	F. G. Logan
327	aHammond	Wardsville	Alex. Cameron	Roy Henderson
328	aIonic	Napier	W. J. Dymond	W. T. Buchanan
329	aKing Solomon's	Jarvis	B. N. Hair	R. W. Smith
330	aCorinthian	London	Chas. Lambert	H. J. Childs
331	aFordwich	Fordwich	Harold Doig	A. C. Hutchison
332	aStratford	Stratford	S. C. Cooper	E. Denroche
333	aPrince Arthur	Flesherton	Robt. Down	F. J. Thurston
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur	N. P. Truemner	W. G. Gorvett
336	aHighgate	Highgate	Roy Littlejohn	J. G. Montgomery
337	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	C. D. Kemp	Chas. S. Ross
338	aDuferin	Wellandport	Arza Lymburner	Chas. Gilmore
339	aOrient	Toronto	Wm. Dellow	H. G. Ashley
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Waldie Kirkconnell	D. A. McLaren
343	aGeorgina	Toronto	R. G. Archer	Geo. Thompson
344	aMerrill	Dorchester	A. W. Smith	R. A. Logan
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	H. M. Marshall	R. J. Carswell
346	aOccident	Occident	R. L. Secor	Wm. M. Williams
347	aMercer	Fergus	J. M. Milligan	Peter Perry
348	aGeorgian	Penetanguishene	S. M. James	R. D. Keefe
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	J. D. Broughton	Geo. L. Ziegler
354	aBrock	Cannington	J. H. Summerfeldt	C. F. Bick
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	Geo. S. Bonham	R. M. Woodruff
357	aWaterdown	Millgrove	W. Humphries	John A. Dalton
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	I. Blossdale	S. Merrill
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	John Lade	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	C. Spreadborough	F. P. Warne
361	aWaverley	Guelph	A. J. Bulgin	W. Simpson
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	S. J. Hughes	R. I. Shannon
364	aDuferin	Melbourne	E. T. Newman	Geo. J. Stevenson
367	aSt. George	Toronto	R. W. Long	A. B. Hutchcroft
368	aSalem	Brockville	A. D. Currie	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton Mills	J. E. L. Streight	W. A. Becroft
370	aHarmony	Delta	L. A. Pierce	H. E. Johnson
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	H. J. Sykes	A. E. Revell
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	W. H. Colclough	N. D. Graham
373	aCopestone	Welland	Robt. Armour	Alf. Tattersall
374	aKeene	Keene	H. R. Reid	Peter Gillespie
375	aLorne	Omamee	E. R. Corneil	W. J. Thorn
376	aUnity	Huntsville	Andrew Kellock, Jr.	Oscar Wieler
377	aLorne	Shelburne	W. H. Calhoun	Samuel Patterson
378	aKing Solomon's	London	Samuel McCoy	Wm. Nicholls
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	Homer Hardy	T. R. Smibert

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N. P. D.	Suspend. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
307	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ...	5	4	3		4	1	4				72
309	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4		1		2				82
311	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	5	3		2					85
312	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	3	2		3				1	214
313	1st Tuesday	1	3	5	1	3	1					135
314	2nd Friday	11	9	6	3	3	1	2				153
315	3rd Monday	3	4	4			1	2				76
316	3rd Thursday	6	11	11	4	2	1	12			2	518
318	Fri. on or after F.M.	2	1	1	2	1	1					38
319	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	20	19	16		2	2	2				183
320	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	9	5	2	4		9				129
321	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	8	4	2	1	1					127
322	Wed. after F.M.	10	6	7	3	3	1	3				273
323	Wed. on bef. F. M.	3	2	2			1				1	96
324	2nd Tuesday	16	16	16	4	3	8	6				602
325	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	2			1	1	2				81
326	4th Friday	15	14	20	3	7	6	11				664
327	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	6	5	1	2	2				2	62
328	Fri. on or bef. F. M.					1	1					72
329	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	6			2	5			1	90
330	1st Tuesday	14	12	12	1	1	3					374
331	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	4							2	63
332	2nd Monday	12	10	13	3	9	3	6				347
333	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	7	10			4					120
334	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	8	10	8		2		1				75
336	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3			1	2			1	102
337	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1		3	1					86
338	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		6		4				78
339	1st Tuesday	24	18	16		2	11	9			4	463
341	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	1								71
343	1st Saturday	18	17	19	2	8	4	9			2	509
344	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	2	1	1	2					81
345	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	3	3			2					115
346	3rd Wednesday	23	19	13	3	10	9	15			4	621
347	1st Friday	1	1	1		2	1	2				119
348	1st Thursday	6	4	5		3						138
352	3rd Wednesday	13	7	8	1	6	6	5			5	289
354	Wed. on or bef. F. M.			1	1	2		2			1	87
356	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	2	2							124
357	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	13	10	7		1	1					201
358	Thurs. on or before F.M.	3	3					10			1	69
359	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	4	4			2					76
360	1st Tuesday	6	7	7	1	1	1				1	137
361	4th Monday	9	15	15	11	11	3	5				405
362	Mon. on or bef. F. M.			2		3						88
364	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1	1	2						76
367	1st Friday	27	25	25		9	1	9			4	492
368	2nd Monday	12	11	13	1	4	3	2				300
369	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	15	13	8	3	3	1				1	258
370	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	1	2	1	2	2				1	97
371	4th Friday	13	13	9	1	4	3					346
372	1st Tuesday	5	7	9		2	2	3				177
373	1st Thursday	10	11	12		3	3					249
374	Thur. on or aft F. M.	2	3	2		2		2				41
375	1st Thursday	4	3	4	1							105
376	2nd Wednesday	13	11	7	1	4						176
377	1st Friday	3	2	1	2	6		3			2	136
378	2nd Thursday	15	14	13	5	1	3	3			4	424
379	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	6	7			1					69

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
380	aUnion.....	London.....	W. D. Davidson	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric.....	Hamilton.....	H. V. Peace	C. V. Emory
383	aHenderson.....	Winchester.....	H. B. Fetterly.....	A. H. Annable.....
384	aAlpha.....	Toronto.....	Geo. B. Chapman.....	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry.....	Beeton.....	M. E. Bell	N. P. McDonald
386	aMcColl.....	West Lorne.....	V. E. Lemon	N. Walker
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	F. W. Fitzgerald.....	G. H. Landon
388	aHenderson.....	Ilderton.....	M. H. Rosser.....	S. R. Prebble
389	aCrystal Fountain.....	N. Augusta.....	Jas. C. Ferguson	Wm. W. Bohier..
390	aFlorence.....	Florence.....	F. W. Elliott	Jas. Beatty
391	aHoward.....	Ridgetown.....	E. V. Bingham	T. A. Rutledge.....
392	aHuron.....	Camlachie.....	J. W. Lowrie	John Ferguson..
393	aForest.....	Cnesley.....	R. J. Gillies.....	Harry Stevens
394	aKing Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	John Chown.....	W. W. Day
395	aParvaim.....	Comber.....	A. A. Edmunds	L. Dean
396	aCedar.....	Warton.....	L. E. Dobson.....	M. T. Hanson
397	aLeopold.....	Brigden.....	D. L. Pratt	C. C. Watson
398	aVictoria.....	Kirkfield.....	John W. Tough.....	Wm. T. McRae.....
399	aMoffat.....	Harrietsville.....	Ivan Warren	John MacVicar
400	aOakville.....	Oakville.....	Samuel Garner	E. O. Taylor
401	aCraig.....	Deseronto.....	Claude Thompson	W. J. McMicking
402	aCentral.....	Essex.....	G. E. Johnston	H. R. Johnston.....
403	aWindsor.....	Windsor.....	Harry Rock	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne.....	Tamworth.....	Alton Carscallen.....	John A. Brown.....
405	aMattawa.....	Mattawa.....	A. I. Tongue	H. H. Betts.....
406	aSpry.....	Fencelon Falls.....	A. W. Robson	H. J. Townley.....
408	aMurray.....	Beaverton.....	Geo. R. Yule.....	W. C. Latimer.....
409	aGolden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	J. W. Fryer	H. H. Butterworth
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	J. W. Walker	W. E. Robson
411	aRodney.....	Rodney.....	F. L. Shieb.....	J. B. Stinson
412	aKeystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	F. K. Allen	E. M. Shaw
413	aNap'itali.....	Tilbury.....	Harry Williams	P. M. Lampman
414	aPequonga.....	Kenora.....	T. McClellan	F. J. Kelly.....
415	aFort William.....	Fort William.....	Eli Sutcliffe	C. E. Coombes.....
416	aLyn.....	Lyn.....	Lynsey Brown	F. Stafford
417	aKeewatin.....	Keewatin.....	C. C. Galloway.....	P. E. Baker
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	Jas. D. Grant	W. S. McLean
419	aLiberty.....	Sarnia.....	W. F. Brown	W. J. Alcock
420	aNipissing.....	North Bay.....	Arch Freeman	Dr. B. F. Nott
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley.....	Geo. Park	W. L. Craig
422	aStar of the East.....	Bothwell.....	J. D. Patterson	T. E. Baynton.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge.....	T. A. Mitchell	A. M. Church
424	aDoric.....	Pickering.....	Geo. Toyne	Gardner Winters.....
425	aSt. Clair.....	Sombra.....	F. L. Brown.....	A. McRitchie.....
426	aStanley.....	Toronto.....	H. W. Percy	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	H. M. Torrington.....	Jos. Fowler
428	aFidelity.....	Port Perry.....	E. B. Walker	J. W. Crozier
429	aPort Perry.....	Port Perry.....	J. W. Young	A. L. Wyant
430	aAcacia.....	Toronto.....	Edwin Balfour	Wm. E. Jarrett.....
431	aMoravian.....	Cargill.....	Rev. Wm. Lee.....	M. L. Ziegler
432	aHanover.....	Hanover.....	H. A. Boettger	R. D. Staples
433	aBonnehchere.....	Eganville.....	I. G. Thompson	W. C. Boland
434	aAlgonquin.....	Emsdale.....	W. T. Laking	Jas. Metcalfe
435	aHavelock.....	Havelock.....	H. G. Mathison	H. F. McNichol.....
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth.....	F. G. Campbell	W. J. Fleming
437	aTuscan.....	Sarnia.....	John J. Ross	W. J. Barrie
438	aHarmony.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Robertson.....	Thos. Robertson.....
439	aAlexandria.....	Alexandria.....	Forbes McKinnon	H. L. Cheney
440	aArcadia.....	Minden.....	A. V. Loucks	W. Macarthur.....
441	aWestport.....	Westport.....	H. A. Briese..	John D. Adams.....

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380	2nd Monday	11	11	11	1	3	4	4			3	378
382	3rd Monday	23	22	19		2	6	5			1	549
383	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	6	6	2	4	1	7				100
384	1st Thursday	25	20	17	1	6	7	8				660
385	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	4	4	1	2	1				1	89
386	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	4	2	2	2					169
387	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	6	1	2	1	1				92
388	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	7	1		4					118
389	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	4		1	2					98
390	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	13	8	9		1						85
391	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	4	1	2	6	7			1	165
392	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3		1	2				1	103
393	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	6	8	12			1	1				124
394	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3	2	3	4				1	125
395	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	2		1	1					83
396	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	14	11	6	3	2	3					173
397	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	7	3	1						120
398	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	2	4			1					94
399	Wed. on or bef. F.M.						1	5				75
400	1st Tuesday	20	14	19	3	4	1	3			1	243
401	1st Tuesday	5	4	4		1	1	4				127
402	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	2	2	3	2	36				173
403	1st Friday	33	31	32	1	5	5	34			10	607
404	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	3		3	3	5				71
405	1st Tuesday	2	1	2			1					111
406	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	2	2	2	2	2				107
408	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	7	2	1	1	3				126
409	2nd Monday	5	4	4		3						143
410	4th Friday	23	20	18	1	6	5	7			1	481
411	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	11	12	14				8			1	100
412	1st Tuesday	12	12	10	1	7	6	8			2	471
413	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	4	4		1	2	7				111
414	1st Wednesday	12	12	13	1	6	3	8			3	292
415	2nd Wednesday	13	15	17	1	4	2				2	412
416	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2		2	1					56
417	1st Friday	4	4	3		1	2	3				122
418	2nd Friday	6	5	6	6		1					118
419	2nd Monday	16	15	17	2	1	2	3			1	172
420	2nd Monday	7	7	5	6	2	3	8				314
421	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2	1	6	4					94
422	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	5		2		2				100
423	3rd Monday	4	4	3								104
424	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6	1	2	3	1	2	1				68
425	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5		1	2	2			1	106
426	1st Tuesday	13	14	11	1	6	10	6			1	542
427	1st Wednesday	14	16	13	3	7	3	5			2	349
428	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	11	3	2						172
429	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	4	2	3		3				86
430	3rd Monday	19	16	16		4	3	10				378
431	Fri. on or aft. F.M.				1		1					52
432	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	1	3	2							120
433	2nd Monday	4	3	2	2			5				105
434	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	5	12	13	1	1	1	5			1	132
435	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	7		2		6				164
436	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	2	3	1		2		1				82
437	3rd Wednesday	21	17	25	3	1	4					455
438	4th Monday	15	17	15		8	9	4			1	504
439	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	4	4	4	2	1		2				92
440	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	9	7	6			1					94
441	1st Friday	6	6	5		1	1					89

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
442	aDymont.....	Thessalon.....	J. O. Coulter.....	W. R. Benson.....
443	aPowassan.....	Powassan.....	Herman Moyer.....	W. C. Porter.....
444	aNitetis.....	Creemore.....	G. E. Brett.....	Rev. J. H. Colclough.....
445	aLake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	W. N. Boquist.....	W. G. White.....
446	aGranite.....	Fort Frances.....	Fred Morrison.....	J. R. Angus.....
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	Jas. Gardner.....	E. H. Winn.....
448	aXenophon.....	Wheatley.....	W. M. Chute.....	Jas. D. McGregor.....
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	L. C. Champ.....	H. G. Marshall.....
450	aHawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	A. C. Douglas.....	Geo. A. Cass.....
451	aSomerville.....	Kinmount.....	Seward Crego.....	C. W. Wellstood.....
452	aAvonmore.....	Avonmore.....	Wm. H. Rose.....	S. E. Shaver.....
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	J. H. Irwin.....	F. C. Perry.....
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	Wm. Peck.....	J. J. Wilson.....
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	W. G. Alston.....	O. T. Bennett.....
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	Geo. L. Adair.....	A. Chalmers.....
457	aCentury.....	Merlin.....	Victor Armstrong.....	John Holmes.....
458	aWales.....	Wales.....	Alex. Daye.....	Geo. D. Colquhoun.....
459	aCobden.....	Cobden.....	S. Gilmour.....	J. F. Warren.....
460	aRideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	C. C. Gilbert.....	J. R. Hartley.....
461	aIonic.....	Rainy River.....	E. E. Jess.....	Geo. S. Parker.....
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	R. R. Woods.....	J. H. Brown.....
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	A. J. Curry.....	Fred Jones.....
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	Talmage Bryan.....	L. M. Pinkham.....
465	aCarleton.....	Carp.....	Horace Downey.....	Geo. A. Moore.....
466	aCoronation.....	Elmvalle.....	F. C. Bishop.....	J. T. Foster.....
467	aTottenham.....	Tottenham.....	John McCabe.....	J. J. McKnight.....
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	A. E. Sherman.....	J. W. Phillips.....
469	aAlgoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	E. J. Kahle.....	Wm. Rubenstein.....
470	aVictoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	O. G. Eplett.....	J. P. Schissler.....
471	aKing Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	J. F. Rapelje.....	W. Smeaton.....
472	aGore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	A. J. Turner.....	E. W. Davis.....
473	aNorth Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	J. A. H. Burt.....	S. J. Manchester.....
474	aVictoria.....	Toronto.....	Roy S. C. King.....	W. J. Wadsworth.....
475	aDundurn.....	Hamilton.....	A. D. Baillie.....	J. M. Dunlop.....
476	aCorinthian.....	North Gower.....	W. M. Leach.....	J. H. Cryderman.....
477	aHarding.....	Woodville.....	G. B. Rennie.....	A. E. Staback.....
478	aMilverton.....	Milverton.....	Jas. N. Ranney.....	E. Seigner.....
479	aRussell.....	Russell.....	J. F. Stonness.....	Rev. W. B. Morgan.....
480	aWilliamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	R. A. Merkley.....	J. A. Barkley.....
481	aCorinthian.....	Toronto.....	Harry Law.....	W. H. Hunter.....
482	aBancroft.....	Bancroft.....	W. G. Broad.....	R. F. Delyea.....
483	aGranton.....	Granton.....	O. W. Mitton.....	R. S. Hobbs.....
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	Geo. H. Wice.....	A. E. Berrey.....
485	aHaileybury.....	Haileybury.....	John L. Maltby.....	H. A. Seymour.....
486	aSilver.....	Cobalt.....	H. B. Hawley.....	G. A. Cavin.....
487	aPenewobikong.....	Blind River.....	Jas. D. McLean.....	Geo. J. McArthur.....
488	aKing Edward.....	Harrow.....	H. J. Richardson.....	R. C. Flood.....
489	aOsiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	S. W. Saunders.....	M. T. Burgess.....
490	aHiram.....	Markdale.....	S. H. Buchanan.....	R. B. Brady.....
491	aCardinal.....	Cardinal.....	P. J. Buswell.....	W. T. Kingston.....
492	aKarnak.....	Coldwater.....	Chas. S. Robinson.....	H. Elliott.....
493	aSt. Marys.....	St. Mary's.....	L. P. Whaley.....	L. G. Maxwell.....
494	aRiverdale.....	Toronto.....	O. B. Stanton.....	J. M. Malcolm.....
495	aElectric.....	Hamilton.....	Wm. Turner.....	W. F. Montague.....
496	aUniversity.....	Toronto.....	R. O. Hurst.....	C. S. Gulston.....
497	aSt. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	W. J. Neus.....	J. A. Pringle.....
498	aKing George V.....	Coboconk.....	Arch. Laidlaw.....	Chas. M. Callan.....
499	aPort Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	I. W. Maunder.....	A. Rome.....
500	aRose.....	Windsor.....	Fred. L. Morrow.....	H. M. Gard.....

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442	2nd Thursday.....	5	4	5		2	1				1	127
443	2nd Friday.....	8	9	9	2	4						108
444	Tue. on or aft. F.M.....	6	1	1	2	4	1					90
445	2nd Wednesday.....	7	7	7	1	2	1	5				83
446	1st Tuesday.....	7	6	9	5	3	1	6			1	180
447	2nd Thursday.....	7	4	5							1	98
448	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	2	2	2			1					74
449	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	7	7	6	2	4	1	3				101
450	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	1	2	1	2	1	1	2				99
451	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	1				2	2					69
452	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	3	2	2		4		2			1	91
453	1st Wednesday.....	11	8	6	6	2	2				1	230
454	2nd Monday.....	4	4	5			1					132
455	2nd Tuesday.....	3	5	4	1	1		5				98
456	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	2	2	2								65
457	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	4	4	3		1						154
458	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	3	2									118
459	2nd Tuesday.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	4				124
460	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	6	4	1								80
461	1st Thursday.....	9	7	6	2	2		1				113
462	3rd. Thursday.....	6	5	6		5	2				4	173
463	3rd Thursday.....	5	2	1				4				83
464	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	5	5	4		2	3	13			1	96
465	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	4	2	5		1	2					77
466	1st. Friday.....	6	3	2	2	2	1	2				101
467	Mon. on or aft. F.M.....	2	6	4		1						74
468	Fri. on or aft. F.M.....	8	10	7		4	3					111
469	1st Monday.....	13	13	14	3	6	2	10				306
470	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	5	4	5	1	1		1			1	144
471	1st Wednesday.....	1	4	3	1	1	3					96
472	1st Wednesday.....	9	6	6				3				117
473	4th Friday.....	7	7	7		6	9	2				302
474	3rd Tuesday.....	14	12	11	2	3	3	8				431
475	3rd Saturday.....	21	19	22	2	2	2	7			3	556
476	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	4	4	2		3						83
477	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	6	7	3		2					1	85
478	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	5	6	3		3						97
479	Mon. on or aft. F.M.....	5	7	8	1	6	2	9			3	148
480	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	2	2	1		4	2	3			1	53
481	4th Thursday.....	13	12	15		6	2	19				341
482	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	10	12	11	1		3	2				167
483	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	3						2				75
484	2nd Tuesday.....	5	3	4	1	2						114
485	1st Thursday.....	4	4	5	5	8	2				1	208
486	1st Monday.....	9	11	12	2	3	3	1			2	271
487	2nd Monday.....	2	5	6		2		1				77
488	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	9	9	7	1		2					125
489	Friday aft. F.M.....	6	6	9	5	1		3				152
490	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	2	2	2	1	2						62
491	1st Friday.....	4	5	5		3						95
492	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	2	3	4	2							105
493	4th Monday.....	2	2	3	1	2	3					171
494	4th Friday.....	11	7	9	2	8	6	10			4	406
495	3rd Wednesday.....	30	30	22	3	7	6	15			2	567
496	2nd Wednesday.....	38	34	29	4	7		6				450
497	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	1	1	1		5						96
498	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	3	4	7	1			1				94
499	2nd Monday.....	14	12	12		2	3	7			3	317
500	3rd Tuesday.....	5	5	5		2		3			1	153

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
501	aConnaught.....	Mimico.....	Wm. Aymer.....	Geo. S. Brown.....
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	E. E. Patterson.....	J. H. Patterson.....
503	aInwood.....	Inwood.....	Henry Laws.....	Wm. A. Graham.....
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	John Lyons.....	J. H. Walker.....
505	aLynden.....	Lynden.....	C. F. T. Woodley.....	Wm. A. Smith.....
506	aPorcupine.....	S. Porcupine.....	W. H. Johns.....	Reg. Vaughan.....
507	aElk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	T. H. Connelly.....	H. M. Somerville.....
508	aOzias.....	Brantford.....	Geo. A. Elliott, Jr.....	F. W. Benedict.....
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	Jas. Swinton.....	Geo. DeKleinhaus.....
510	aParkdale.....	Toronto.....	C. E. Warnock.....	Geo. E. Buchanan.....
511	aConnaught.....	W. Fort William.....	E. C. Schoales.....	Alex. Harris.....
512	Malone.....	Sutton W.....	J. A. Latimer.....	O. J. Silver.....
513	aCorinthian.....	Hamilton.....	R. W. Munro.....	J. R. Croft.....
514	aSt. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	T. C. Kremer.....	Geo. T. Gardiner.....
515	aReba.....	Brantford.....	E. L. Gothard.....	S. W. Seago.....
516	aEnterprise.....	Beachburg.....	John Cowie.....	P. C. Creeggan.....
517	aHazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	H. G. Allen.....	G. S. Stanley.....
518	aSioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	L. M. Beath.....	W. T. Cameron.....
519	aOnondaga.....	Onondaga.....	Robt. Jamieson.....	A. A. Barton.....
520	aCoronati.....	Toronto.....	A. O. Finlay.....	J. T. Stephenson.....
521	aOntario.....	Windsor.....	Allois Master.....	A. R. Graham.....
522	aMount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	Abraham Singer.....	C. E. Garrard.....
523	aRoyal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	A. A. Smith.....	G. W. Haley.....
524	aMississauga.....	Port Credit.....	G. D. Pattinson.....	W. M. Gemmell.....
525	aTemple.....	Toronto.....	J. R. Jackson.....	John F. Judge.....
526	aIonic.....	Westboro'.....	A. J. Mason.....	P. E. Watters.....
527	aEspanola.....	Espanola.....	John Dean.....	J. W. Darby.....
528	aGolden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	A. G. Irving.....	Chas. P. Ramsay.....
529	aMyra.....	Komoka.....	R. R. Lloyd.....	S. Swales.....
530	aCochrane.....	Cochrane.....	C. H. Liddicott.....	A. T. King.....
531	aHigh Park.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Murchison.....	R. B. Magill.....
532	aCanada.....	Toronto.....	J. Brown.....	J. E. Baker.....
533	aShamrock.....	Toronto.....	G. H. Willson.....	E. W. Leith.....
534	aEnglehart.....	Englehart.....	H. G. Murdock.....	C. W. Wright.....
535	aPhoenix.....	Fonthill.....	T. A. Barrow.....	F. H. Clark.....
536	aAlgonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	A. B. Abell.....	W. J. Hambly.....
537	aUlster.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Phillips.....	Geo. Chambers.....
538	aEarl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	E. R. McCallum.....	Wm. Stephenson.....
539	aWaterloo.....	Waterloo.....	John Ferguson.....	C. O. Hemphill.....
540	aAbitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	L. F. Kendall.....	Geo. S. Pincott.....
541	aTuscan.....	Toronto.....	S. G. Nichols.....	S. J. Jackson.....
542	aMetropolitan.....	Toronto.....	Geo. W. Keevil.....	Geo. A. Martin.....
543	aImperial.....	Toronto.....	Thos. McDonald.....	A. Corscadden.....
544	aLincoln.....	Abingdon.....	Stanley Young.....	T. F. McKinnell.....
545	aJohn Ross Robertson.....	Toronto.....	P. F. Harman.....	W. J. S. Graham.....
546	aTalbot.....	St. Thomas.....	T. G. M. Jamieson.....	W. A. McPherson.....
547	aVictory.....	Toronto.....	T. G. Robinson.....	H. J. Unwin.....
548	aGeneral Mercer.....	Toronto.....	R. J. Morrow.....	C. C. Milne.....
549	aIonic.....	Hamilton.....	Wm. A. Laidlaw.....	S. A. Wait.....
550	aBuchanan.....	Hamilton.....	Wm. Davies.....	Walter Peberdy.....
551	aTuscan.....	Hamilton.....	Wm. Atkinson.....	T. W. Appleton.....
552	aQueen City.....	Toronto.....	W. A. Mathieson.....	Geo. Carey.....
553	aOakwood.....	Toronto.....	John Andrews.....	Wm. Hyndman.....
554	aBorder Cities.....	Windsor.....	W. J. Miller.....	E. T. Howe.....
555	aWardrobe.....	Hamilton.....	John C. Williams.....	John Forth.....
556	aNation.....	Spencerville.....	J. A. Miller.....	A. W. Keillor.....
557	aFinch.....	Finch.....	L. J. Hutt.....	A. MacMillan.....
558	aSidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	Robt. M. Stanton.....	W. E. Hayes.....

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501	2nd Thursday.....	9	10	12	1	1	1	2	3			240
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	4	10	16	1		1	2				111
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	4	2	2	2	1						104
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	3	3	2			1					55
505	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	10	9	8								100
506	1st Thursday.....	3	3	3	1	4	1				1	138
507	2nd Friday.....	5	7	8		2	1					99
508	3rd Tuesday.....	16	18	19	1	1	1				1	205
509	4th Friday.....	12	13	6	3	4		2				208
510	2nd Friday.....	14	9	10	2	3	4					300
511	3rd Monday.....	6	7	6		6	2	7			3	157
512	Wed. on or bef F. M.....	7	5	6	1							132
513	4th Thursday.....	15	18	13	3	2	4					586
514	3rd Monday.....	12	13	12	1	4	3	17			3	386
515	2nd Friday.....	9	9	10	2	2		7				241
516	1st Monday.....	4	4	4	1	1	1					99
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....		1	2	1	2	1					66
518	1st Monday.....	10	4	9	2	8	1	10				154
519	Friday on or bef. F.M.....	2	2	2	1		1					86
520	2nd Tuesday.....	13	19	18		10	1	5				392
521	1st Monday.....	29	30	32	6	9	3	5			6	421
522	2nd Tuesday.....	10	16	15				4				374
523	1st Monday.....	8	13	11	2		1	1				158
524	2nd Thursday.....	8	9	9		2		1				143
525	4th Tuesday.....	21	26	24	1	9	1	2				346
526	2nd Wednesday.....	12	15	12	4	2	2					206
527	1st Wednesday.....	5	5	10		2		1				97
528	2nd Wednesday.....	17	14	15	6	1		2				177
529	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	2	1		1	1		3				51
530	2nd Friday.....	15	14	12	2	5		1				144
531	3rd Thursday.....	21	20	17	4	5	4	28		1	3	602
532	1st Friday.....	20	21	24	6	7	3	11			1	360
533	3rd Tuesday.....	12	11	10	2	5	3	5			3	341
534	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	5	7	4	1	2					1	121
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	3	3	2	2	1	1					92
536	3rd Tuesday.....	6	6	5		5						118
537	1st Monday.....	39	34	40	6	5	1	5				664
538	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	1	1	2		1						60
539	1st Wednesday.....	13	14	13	5	6	1	4			1	126
540	3rd Friday.....	7	8	6		2	1	6				125
541	3rd Friday.....	17	17	20	1	6	1	6			1	442
542	4th Wednesday.....	14	15	11	1	1		4				181
543	4th Monday.....	16	21	17	5	5	2	4				259
544	Fri. on or bef. F. M.....	7	4	3		3						75
545	3rd Tuesday.....	22	25	26	3	3	2	1				366
546	4th Thursday.....	15	14	13		8	1	2				267
547	2nd Wednesday.....	10	11	7	2		1	1				110
548	2nd Friday.....	24	34	35	1			2				280
549	1st Wednesday.....	25	25	22	6	1		8				236
550	1st Thursday.....	32	31	35	2	7		2				271
551	1st Thursday.....	29	28	27	3	3	2	5				358
552	1st Wednesday.....	26	23	20	6	3	3	2			2	323
553	2nd Monday.....	7	8	6		7	2	8			1	198
554	1st Wednesday.....	9	15	13	2	1	2	3				147
555	4th Monday.....	14	17	19	2	7	1	4			1	330
556	1st Friday.....	1	3	3	2	1	1					69
557	Thur. on or bef. F. M.....	5	3	5								83
558	2nd Wednesday.....	10	12	13	3	2	3	2				151

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559	aPalestine	Toronto	Wm. Gittes	Harry Melvin
560	aSt. Andrew's	Ottawa	A. K. Stewart	E. L. Taylor
561	aAcacia	Westboro	A. P. McLennan	C. W. Crockett
562	aHamilton	Hamilton	Jas. Sawdon	D. R. Gibson
563	aVictory	Chatham	C. D. Sucee	W. Scurr
564	aAshlar	Ottawa	W. J. Webber	Wm. Shortt
565	aKilwinning	Toronto	Alex. MacKenzie	Thos. Forsyth
566	aKing Hiram	Toronto	S. F. Albertson	J. G. Bruce
567	aSt. Aidan's	Toronto	H. S. Carlick	D. B. McCunn
568	aHullett	Londesboro	R. M. Townsend	John Fingland
569	aDoric	Lakeside	H. E. Harris	F. G. Seaton
570	aDufferin	Toronto	H. R. Polson	I. H. Burns
571	aAntiquity	Toronto	G. L. McHenry	R. A. McDonald
572	aMizpah	Toronto	E. P. Tuite	W. A. Francis
573	aAdoniram	Niagara Falls	D. G. McGillivray	H. M. Little
574	aCraig	Ailsa Craig	John A. Bell	A. D. McLean
575	aFidelity	Toronto	F. M. Dillman	Wm. Moull
576	aMimosa	Toronto	W. H. Hare	G. F. Empringham
577	aSt. Clair	Toronto	W. G. Frisby	F. G. I. Whetter
578	aQueen's	Kingston	J. A. McRae	B. I. England
579	aHarmony	Windsor	John Thurlow	E. S. Totten
580	aAcacia	London	J. W. Wild	W. G. Harding
581	aHarcourt	Toronto	W. E. Robertson	C. S. Edmonds
582	aSunnyside	Toronto	R. T. Hogg	K. N. Carrie
583	aTransportation	Toronto	F. V. Slemin	Jas. G. Dunn
584	aKaministiquia	Fort William	W. K. Wickens	S. C. Read
585	aRoyal Edward	Kingston	Jos. Bleakley	W. J. Saunders
586	aWar Veterans	Toronto	H. Radermacher	W. H. Smith
587	aPatricia	Toronto	Geo. S. Warner	E. J. Reddick
588	aNational	Capreol	J. H. Healey	H. Hembruff
589	aGrey	Toronto	J. F. VanEvery	W. W. Tucker
590	aDefenders	Ottawa	C. A. Snowdon	W. C. N. Marriott
591	aNorth Gate	Toronto	E. S. Brown	A. W. Urmy
592	aFairbank	Fairbank	H. S. Clugston	R. C. Venour
593	aSt. Andrew's	Hamilton	John C. Gordon	F. W. Davidson
594	aHilcrest	Hamilton	R. L. Douglas	J. S. Smethurst
595	aRideau	Ottawa	J. M. McConnell	A. C. Wiltshire
596	aMartintown	Martintown	M. J. Sproule	W. W. W. Dean
597	aTemple	London	W. M. Messer	J. D. Omond
598	aDominion	Windsor	R. T. W. Flewelling	J. A. Wickens
599	aMount Dennis	Mount Dennis	F. C. Smith	F. Thain
600	aMaple Leaf	Toronto	G. E. Sutton	Wm. Moull
601	aSt. Paul	Sarnia	Chas. McNair	Wm. H. Hunt
602	aHugh Murray	Hamilton	H. R. Hall	A. E. Hutchinson
603	aCampbell	Campbellville	G. T. Morduck	C. R. Rowden
604	aPalace	Windsor	M. A. Campbell	G. R. Jackson
605	aMelita	Toronto	Chas. E. Wilson	Fred. C. Becker
606	aUnity	Toronto	W. M. Gillespie	V. R. Cowtan
607	aGolden Fleece	Toronto	W. G. Varty	F. A. Beatty
608	aGothic	Lindsay	M. S. Mowat	W. R. Alley
609	aTavistock	Tavistock	F. W. Seigner	G. F. Holley
610	aAshlar	Byron	E. E. Graham	W. J. Davis
611	aHuron-Bruce	Toronto	Wm. Proudfoot	Thos. Brown
612	aBirch Cliff	Birch Cliff	W. J. Merritt	V. R. Smith
613	aFort Erie	Fort Erie	A. E. Johnson	A. H. White
614	aAdanac	Merrittton	R. S. Bradley	H. L. Savigny
615	aDominion	Ridgeway	J. L. Brodie	M. I. Beeshy
616	aPerfection	St. Catharines	F. R. Coy	G. L. Sherk
617	aNorth Bay	North Bay	J. E. Gardiner	E. R. Herbert

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559	4th Wednesday.....	22	24	28	2	1	1					219
560	1st Thursday.....	11	12	13	3	3	1	1				178
561	4th Friday.....	9	10	11								131
562	2nd Monday.....	21	19	17		9	1	4				364
563	2nd Tuesday.....	14	13	18	2	4						228
564	1st Friday.....	14	9	11		2	2					150
565	3rd Friday.....	47	55	55	21	3	3	3			1	442
566	1st Friday.....	17	16	17		2	2	2				182
567	3rd Friday.....	3	3	3		2	1					74
568	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	3	3	3		1						46
569	Tue. on or aft. F. M.....	2	1					1				60
570	1st Tuesday.....	21	30	28	2	4	3	6				206
571	3rd Wednesday.....	21	25	23	2		1	5				172
572	4th Thursday.....	19	25	26	1	1	2				2	329
573	3rd Monday.....	17	17	20	1	2	1					213
574	Thur. on or aft. F. M.....	7	6	5	1	4	1					70
575	4th Thursday.....	20	19	19	4	1	1					193
576	1st Monday.....	12	11	16	2	1		5				170
577	1st Wednesday.....	10	9	14		2	2					220
578	3rd Monday.....	33	17	15	2	13	1					165
579	1st Thursday.....	29	28	22	1	3		4			3	138
580	2nd Saturday.....	19	15	15	4	2	2					190
581	3rd Wednesday.....	3	1	2	2							59
582	3rd Wednesday.....	25	26	22	10	2		1				269
583	2nd Monday.....	10	10	9	21	3	1					200
584	1st Monday.....	5	8	6	1	3						76
585	4th Monday.....	14	13	14	2	1	2					85
586	1st Friday.....	17	21	21	6	6	2	6				221
587	2nd Wednesday.....	11	13	17		1	2	1			1	193
588	1st Tuesday.....	14	12	9		1		1				111
589	2nd Friday.....	9	10	11	6	2		1				153
590	1st Wednesday.....	7	5	6	7	9						115
591	4th Thursday.....	18	11	11		4	1					166
592	3rd Monday.....	8	9	10		2						108
593	4th Wednesday.....	23	26	20	8	5	4	3			2	361
594	2nd Monday.....	19	18	11	6	1	1	1				147
595	2nd Thursday.....	10	9	6	1	2	2	1				118
596	2nd Thursday.....	3	4	4		1						37
597	4th Friday.....	17	10	10		1	1					102
598	1st Wednesday.....	18	21	23	1		1					108
599	1st Wednesday.....	14	15	11	3	2		2				111
600	4th Tuesday.....	20	20	16	9	2		4				115
601	1st Saturday.....	12	11	14	3		1					138
602	3rd Tuesday.....	10	10	11	8	1		4				140
603	1st Tuesday.....	10	6	10								70
604	2nd Thursday.....	20	14	18	5	2	1	3				80
605	4th Saturday.....	12	9	11	3		1	1				92
606	2nd Saturday.....	16	20	25	4	5		4			1	131
607	3rd Thursday.....	7	8	7	3	1						87
608	3rd Monday.....	7	3	4	2	3	2					86
609	2nd Tues.....	4	2	2		2	1					50
610	4th Monday.....	4	6	5	1	4	1	2				108
611	3rd Monday.....	5	4	6	1	3		4				102
612	2nd Friday.....	14	10	10		15	1	4				131
613	3rd Tuesday.....	4	6	6	2		1					65
614	1st Thursday.....	3	3	4	1	1						68
615	1st Thursday.....	5	3	2	1							49
616	2nd Monday.....	3	10	11	2	4						75
617	2nd Friday.....	8	8	10	1			1				80

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

See Pages 438—441 for List of

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where Held	W. Master	Secretary
618	aThunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	H. S. Chase.....	A. V. Chapman.....
619	aRunnymede.....	Toronto.....	R. E. Johnston.....	W. McK Hamshaw.....
620	aBay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	M. E. McKenzie.....	A. E. Jewett.....
621	aFrontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	A. G. Erwin.....	M. R. Reid.....
622	aLorne.....	Chapleau.....	J. F. Vandrick.....	H. Searle.....
623	aDoric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	D. L. Cramp.....	A. B. Wilson.....
624	aDereham.....	Mount Elgin.....	F. C. Phillips.....	J. D. Flanders.....
625	aHatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	A. A. Hugill.....	E. G. Leaney.....
626	aStamford.....	South End.....	Jas. Depew.....	L. T. Couch.....
627	aPeelee.....	Peelee Island.....	Rev. Chas. L. Mills.....	Wm. Stewart.....
628	aGlenrose.....	Elmira.....	Jas. B. Jarrell.....	F. C. Ruppel.....
629	aGrenville.....	Toronto.....	R. B. Dargavel.....	W. Hyndman.....
630	aPrince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	R. R. Hopkins.....	A. B. Rice.....
631	aManitou.....	Emo.....	R. B. Langstaff.....	F. A. Matheson.....
632	aLong Branch.....	Mimico.....	John H. Doughty.....	Thos. H. Scott.....
633	aHastings.....	Hastings.....	Wm. R. Learmouth.....	C. P. Doughty.....
634	aDelta.....	Toronto.....	Wm. S. Campbell.....	H. C. Powell.....
635	aWellington.....	Toronto.....	Everon Flath.....	W. H. Williams.....
636	aHornepayne.....	Hornepayne.....	Thos. Butters.....	G. L. Dollar.....
637	aCaledonia.....	Toronto.....	D. S. L. McDougall.....	John Ferguson.....
638	aBedford.....	Toronto.....	Thos. A. Lamon.....	Jas. Gillies.....
UD.	aBeach.....	Hamilton Beach.....	Rev. T. N. Lowe.....	T. D. Berry.....
UD.	aAnthony Sayer.....	Toronto.....	Wm. H. Hunter.....	E. J. Hutchins.....
UD.	aGarden.....	Windsor.....	Wm. E. Gundy.....	R. G. Lutes.....
UD.	aSt. Andrews.....	Windsor.....	Wm. T. Turner.....	J. W. Adams.....

AT DECEMBER 31, 1925

Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.
are corrected up to July 18, 1926.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N P D.	Suspend. U M C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
618	1st Thursday.....	8	9	9	1		1					78
619	4th Wednesday.....	18	16	21	7	4						140
620	3rd Friday.....	13	15	13	3	9	2	3				205
621	Friday on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7				1				35
622	2nd Wednesday.....	10	10	8	1	1						81
623	1st Thursday.....	12	14	12	2	1						120
624	1st Tuesday.....	4	12	10		3						59
625	3rd Friday.....	4	5	5	1		1					49
626	1st Wednesday.....	19	27	22	1							55
627	Tuesday on or bef. F.M.	24	16	11	17							41
628	2nd Tuesday.....	9	7	7	27		1					35
629	4th Saturday.....	35	33	26	57							92
630	4th Friday.....	16	12	4	55							71
UD.	3rd Thursday.....	14	12	12	32							46
UD.	3rd Tuesday.....	17	12		26							43
					19							19
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P. O. ADDRESSES OF SECRETARIES

Special addresses of Secretaries of Lodges in the Cities and in other places where the Secretary's address is not the same as that of the lodge.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
3...	Anct. St. John's.....	Kingston.....	A. W. Cathcart, 570 Johnson St.
5...	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	Thos. H. Guest, 374 King St. W.
6...	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	W.H.F. Whateley, 1107 Main St. E.
11...	Moir.....	Belleville.....	Geo. Dulmage, 36 Hillside St.
15...	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	A. N. Lindsay, 3 Queen St.
16...	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Lawrence, 202 Westminster A.
20...	St. John's.....	London.....	Rich. Booth, 230 Wellington St.
22...	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Chas. T. Hoare, 307 Sunnyside A.
25...	Ionie.....	Toronto.....	W.M. Hargraft, 49 Wellington S. E.
27...	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	H. W. Linton, 68 Barnesdale Ave. S.
39...	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	Thos. R. Price, Myrtle Station.
40...	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	B. L. Simpson, 94 Delaware Ave.
42...	St. George's.....	London.....	Thos. Dickson, 243 Victoria St.
43...	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	A.W. Massie, 717 Rathbourne Ave.
44...	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	F. W. Judd, 387 Talbot St.
45...	Brant.....	Brantford.....	Geo. Whitwill, 149 Sheridan St.
47...	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	John Fry, 522 Dougall Ave.
52...	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	H. W. Jackson, 25 Sparks St.
56...	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	H. W. Unsworth, 219 Mitton St. N
57...	Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	James D. Rose, Blackheath
58...	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	J. A. Ross, 480 Cooper St.
61...	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	C. E. Kelly, 73 Melrose Ave.
64...	Kilwinning.....	London.....	W. Lancaster, 15 Stanley St.
65...	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	Geo. H. Mitchell, W. W. Dept., City Hall.
72...	Alma.....	Galt.....	A. J. Oliver, 45 James St.
74...	St. James.....	S. Augusta.....	F. L. Bissell, Algonquin
75...	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	Wm. J. Charles, 45 Parkside Drive
76...	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	J. W. Dutton, 687 Adelaide St.
77...	Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	C. L. Davidson, 125 Kent St. W.
86...	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	W. L. Lawler, 125 Erskine Ave.
88...	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	J. M. Campbell, 1166 Second A. W.
92...	Cataragui.....	Kingston.....	W. H. Dalby, 72 Nelson St.
101...	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	R. F. Downey, 298 Boswell Ave.
103...	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	H. J. Johnston, 198 King St.
105...	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	H. F. Garner, 209 Barker St.
107...	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	R. A. McDougall, Glanworth
121...	Doric.....	Brantford.....	T. R. Logan, 33 Alfred St.
123...	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	John McCarthy, 59 Everett St.
139...	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	W. A. Hare, 76 Colborne St. E.
144...	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	S. W. Rust, 203 Douglas St.
146...	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	Delbert Sexsmith, Wilton
148...	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	H. W. Lothrop, 331 James St.
151...	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	P. Fisher, 11 Elgin St.
155...	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	F. H. Dobbin, 622 George St.
156...	York.....	Toronto.....	W. E. Hoffman, 415½ Wellesley St.
171...	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence Sta.....	A. W. Loucks, Middlemiss
177...	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	J. J. McGill, 189 Holmwood Ave.
178...	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	John Bristow, Bright
180...	Speed.....	Guelph.....	Bard Whetstone, 90 Yorkshire St.
185...	Enniskillen.....	York.....	E. S. Bradt, Cayuga
195...	Tuscan.....	London.....	B. H. Higgins, 496 Dundas St.
203...	Irvine.....	Elora.....	R. D. Cardno, Salem
207...	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	John C. Dunlop, S. Lancaster
209a...	St. John's.....	London.....	Edwin Smith, 207 Dundas St.
218...	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	H. C. H. Corneil, 328 Seaton St.
231...	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	Robt. Shaw, 319 Frank St. Apt. 1
234...	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	Thos. G. Idle, Thornbury
247...	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Lyon, 85 Isabella St.
253...	Minden.....	Kingston.....	R. S. Graham, 236 Albert St.
254...	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	J. C. Lymburner, 1129 McRae St.
257...	Galt.....	Galt.....	E. F. Hetherington, 50 Cedar St.
258...	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	F. F. Sweetman, 394 Woolwich St.
264...	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	Henry Gates, 521 Bronson Ave.
267...	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	J. G. Martin, 24 Lansdowne Ave.
270...	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	M. L. Argall, 105 Prince St.
272...	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	Ernest McMullen, R.R. 1 Hamilton

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
287.	Shuniah	Port Arthur	A. P. Freed, 329 VanNorman St.
296.	Temple	St. Catharines	C. A. Brown, 150 1/2 St. Paul St.
299.	Victoria	Centreville	H. A. Carscallen, Enterprise
302.	St. David's	St. Thomas	W. H. Stapleton, 12 Drake St.
309.	Morning Star	Carlow	R. D. Munro, Auburn
316.	Doric	Toronto	Geo. W. Wilson, 33 Glebe Road
318.	Wilnot	Baden	W. A. Ruthig, New Hamburg
324.	Temple	Hamilton	H. B. Jackson, 29 Mt. Royal Ave.
326.	Zetland	Toronto	F. G. Logan, 111 Kendal Ave.
327.	Hammond	Wardsville	Roy Henderson, Glencoe
328.	Ionic	Napier	W. T. Buchanan, Kerwood
330.	Corinthian	London	H. J. Childs, 293 Dundas St.
332.	Stratford	Stratford	E. Denroche, 185 Water St.
338.	Dufferin	Wellandport	Chas. Gilmore, Lowbanks
339.	Orient	Toronto	H. D. Ashley, 510 Ontario St.
343.	Georgina	Toronto	Geo. Thompson, 419 Brunswick A.
345.	Nilestown	Nilestown	R. J. Carswell, 552 Hamilton Road, London
346.	Occident	Toronto	Wm. M. Williams, 44 Blantyre Av.
361.	Waverly	Guelph	W. Simpson, 30 Douglas St.
364.	Dufferin	Melbourne	Geo. Stevenson, Appin, R.R. No. 4
367.	St. George	Toronto	A. B. Hutchcroft, 1451 Dundas St. West.
369.	Mimico	Lambton Mills	W. A. Becroft, 64 Ellis Ave., Swansea
371.	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	A. E. Revell, 28 Euclid Ave.
378.	King Solomon's	London	Wm. Nicholls, 175 Wharncliffe Rd. North
379.	Middlesex	Bryanston	T. R. Smibert, R.R. No. 3, Ilderton
380.	Union	London	Jos. Ward, 97 Tecumseh Ave.
382.	Doric	Hamilton	C. V. Emory, 91 Barnesdale Bvd.
384.	Alpha	Toronto	E. J. Voss, 182 Galley Ave.
410.	Zeta	Toronto	W. E. Robson, 179 Concord Ave.
412.	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	E. M. Shaw, 124 Brock St.
415.	Fort William	Fort William	C. E. Coombes, 228 N. Syndicate A.
419.	Liberty	Sarnia	W. J. Alcock, 189 Euphemia St.
426.	Stanley	Toronto	Wm. Harris, 190 Osler Ave.
430.	Acacia	Toronto	Wm. E. Jarrett, 210 St. Clarens Av.
434.	Algonquin	Emsdale	Jas. Metcalfe, Katrine Station
437.	Tuscan	Sarnia	W. J. Barrie, 170 N. Christina St.
438.	Harmony	Toronto	Thos. Robertson, 2236 Bloor St. W.
453.	Royal	Fort William	F. C. Perry, 410 S. Vickers St.
460.	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	J. R. Hartley, Battersea
469.	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	Wm. Rubenstein, 374 Queen St. E.
473.	Beaches	Toronto	S. J. Manchester, 70 Edgewood Av.
474.	Victoria	Toronto	W. J. Wadsworth, 227 Glendon- wynne Road.
481.	Corinthian	Toronto	W. H. Hunter, 393 St. Clarens Av.
494.	Riverdale	Toronto	J. M. Malcolm, 742 Logan Ave.
495.	Electric	Hamilton	W. F. Montague, Drawer 349.
496.	University	Toronto	C. S. Gulton, 62 Poulton Ave.
499.	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	A. Rome, 123 Prospect Ave.
500.	Rose	Windsor	H. M. Gard, 315 Sandwich St., Sandwich.
501.	Connaught	Mimico	Geo. S. Brown, 135 Westminster Ave., Toronto.
504.	Otter	Lombardy	J. H. Walker, Toledo
508.	Ozias	Brantford	F. W. Benedict, City Hall.
509.	Twin City	Kitchener	Geo. DeKleinhan, 195 Queen St. S.
510.	Parkdale	Toronto	Geo. E. Buchanan, 15 Macdonell A.
511.	Connaught	Fort William	Alex. Harris, 129 N. John St.
513.	Corinthian	Hamilton	J. R. Croft, 104 Burris St.
514.	St. Alban's	Toronto	Geo. T. Gardiner, 3 Glen Gordon Rd.
515.	Reba	Brantford	S. W. Seago, 182 Brant Ave.
517.	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	G. S. Stanley, Strittsville
519.	Onondaga	Onondaga	A. A. Barton, R.R. No. 1, Cains- ville
520.	Coronati	Toronto	J. T. Stephenson, 105 Gates Ave.
521.	Ontario	Windsor	A. R. Graham, 22 Moy Ave.
522.	Mt. Sinai	Toronto	C. E. Garrard, 171 Young St.
523.	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	G. W. Haley, 631 George St.
525.	Temple	Toronto	John F. Judge, 536 W. Marion St.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
526	Ionic	Westboro	P. E. Watters, 84 Fairmont Ave., Ottawa
531	High Park	Toronto	R. B. Magill, 538 W. Marion St.
532	Canada	Toronto	J. E. Baker, 106 Withrow Ave.
533	Shamrock	Toronto	E. W. Leith, 628 Indian Road
535	Phoenix	Fonthill	F. H. Clark, R.R. No. 2, Welland
537	Ulster	Ailsa Craig	Geo. Chambers, 211 Browning Ave.
541	Tuscan	Toronto	S. J. Jackson, 897 Bloor St. W.
542	Metropolitan	Toronto	Geo. A. Martin, 86 Duplex Ave.
543	Imperial	Toronto	A. Corscadden, 51 Highcroft Rd.
544	Lincoln	Abingdon	T. F. McKinnell, R.R. No. 1, Caistor Centre.
545	John Ross Robertson	Toronto	W. J. S. Graham, 16 Herbert Ave.
546	Talbot	St. Thomas	W. A. McPherson, 38 Metcalfe St.
547	Victory	Toronto	H. J. Unwin, 58 Wellington St. E.
548	General Mercer	Toronto	C. C. Milne, 1480 Ossington Ave.
549	Ionic	Hamilton	S. A. Wait, 105 Maple Ave.
550	Buchanan	Hamilton	Walter Peberdy, 74 East 24th St.
551	Tuscan	Hamilton	T. W. Appleton, 396 Main St. E.
552	Queen City	Toronto	Geo. Carey, 13 Thyra Ave.
553	Oakwood	Toronto	Wm. Hyndman, 107 Westmount Av
554	Border Cities	Windsor	E. T. Howe, 829 London St. W.
555	Wardrobe	Hamilton	John Forth, 210 Charlton Av. W.
558	Sidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	W. E. Hayes, 329 James St.
559	Palestine	Toronto	Harry Melvin, 1403 Ossington Ave.
560	St. Andrew's	Ottawa	E. L. Taylor, 84 Florence St.
562	Hamilton	Hamilton	D. R. Gibson, 187 Sanford Av., S.
563	Victory	Chatham	W. Scurr, 41 Grand Ave. E.
564	Ashlar	Ottawa	Wm. Shortt, 58 Creighton Ave.
565	Kilwinning	Toronto	Thos. Forsyth, 325 Windermere S.
566	King Hiram	Toronto	J. G. Bruce, Box 114, Station D.
567	St. Aidan's	Toronto	D. B. McCunn, 19 Balsam Road
570	Dufferin	Toronto	I. H. Burns, 30 Grenadier Rd.
571	Antiquity	Toronto	R. A. McDonald, 46 Walker Ave.
572	Mizpah	Toronto	W. A. Francis, 290 Margueretta St.
573	Adoniram	Niagara Falls	H. M. Little, 38 St. Clair Ave.
574	Craig	Ailsa Craig	A. D. McLean, Parkhill
575	Fidelity	Toronto	Wm. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
577	St. Clair	Toronto	F. G. I. Whetter, 20 Laws St.
578	Queen's	Kingston	B. I. England, 213 Stuart St.
579	Harmony	Windsor	E. S. Totten, 208 Victoria Rd., Walkerville
580	Acacia	London	W. G. Harding, 320 Hyman St.
581	Harcourt	Toronto	C. S. Edmonds, 34 Crescent Rd.
582	Sunnyside	Toronto	K. N. Carrie, 58 Roncesvalles Ave.
583	Transportation	Toronto	Jas. G. Dunn, 340 St. Clarens Ave.
584	Kaministiquia	Port William	S. C. Read, 307 S. Norah St.
585	Royal Edward	Kingston	W. J. Saunders, 124 Beverley St.
586	War Veterans	Toronto	W. H. Smith, 240 Wychwood Ave.
587	Patricia	Toronto	E. J. Reddick, 29 Abbott Avenue
589	Grey	Toronto	J. W. Tucker, 33 Regal Road
591	North Gate	Toronto	A. W. Urmy, 48 Millwood Rd.
592	Fairbank	Windsor	R. C. Venour, 15 Browning Ave.
593	St. Andrew's	Hamilton	F. W. Davidson, 52 Barnesdale S.
594	Hillcrest	Hamilton	J. S. Smethurst, 36 Poplar Ave.
595	Rideau	Ottawa	A. C. Wiltshire, 49 Third Ave.
597	Temple	London	J. D. Omond, 1049 Richmond St.
598	Dominion	Windsor	J. A. Wickens, 538 Dougall Ave.
599	Mount Dennis	Mount Dennis	F. Thain, 2 Craydon Ave. Toronto 9
600	Maple Leaf	Toronto	Wm. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
601	St. Paul's	Sarnia	Wm. H. Hunt, 145½ Front St.
604	Palace	Toronto	G. R. Jackson, 966 Elmere Ave.
605	Melita	Toronto	Fred. C. Becker, 102 Rose Park Dr.
606	Unity	Toronto	V. R. Cowtan, 333 Harbord Ave.
607	Golden Fleece	Toronto	F. A. Beatty, 56 Stibbard Ave.
610	Ashlar	Byron	W. J. Davis, R.R. No. 7, London
611	Huron-Bruce	Toronto	Thos. Brown, 1966 Carleton St.
616	Perfection	St. Catharines	G. L. Sher, 27 Queen St.
617	North Bay	North Bay	E. R. Herbert, 52 Wyld St.
618	Thunder Bay	Port Arthur	A. V. Chapman, 215 Whalen B
619	Runnymede	Toronto	W. McK. Hamshaw, 76 Glendale A.
620	Bay of Quinte	Toronto	A. E. Jewett, 466 Gladstone Ave.
625	Hatherly	Saulte Ste. Marie	E. G. Leany, 4 McGregor Ave

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629...	Grenville...	Toronto.....	W. Hyndman, 107 Westmount Av.
630...	Prince of Wales	Toronto.....	A. B. Rice, 354 Clendennan Ave.
632...	Long Branch.....	Mimico.....	T. H. Scott, Box 203, Long Branch
634...	Delta.....	Toronto	H. C. Powel, 33 Winchester St.
635...	Wellington.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Williams, 198 Glenholm Ave.
637...	Caledonia.....	Toronto.....	John Ferguson, 11 Aziel St.
638...	Bedford.....	Toronto.....	Jas. Gillies, 28 Glenforest Rd.
UD ..	Beach.....	Hamilton Beach.....	R. D. Berry, 4 Knapman's Drive
UD ..	Garden.....	Windsor.....	R. G. Lutes, 315 Sunset Ave., Sandwich
UD ..	St. Andrew's.....	Windsor.....	J. W. Adams, 813 Dougall Ave.

LIST OF LODGES---BY DISTRICTS

ALGOMA DISTRICT—(15 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Green, Sioux Lookout

No. 287—Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 461—Ionic.....	Rainy River
No. 414—Pequonga.....	Kenora	No. 484—Golden Star.....	Dryden
No. 415—Fort William.....	Fort William	No. 499—Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
No. 417—Keewatin.....	Keewatin	No. 511—Connaught W. Fort William	
No. 445—Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora	No. 518—Sioux Lookout Sioux L'kout	
No. 446—Granite.....	Fort Frances	No. 584—Kaministiquia Fort William	
No. 453—Royal.....	Fort William	No. 618—Thunder Bay Port Arthur	
		No. 631—Manitou.....	Emo.

BRANT DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. T. Stillman, Brantford

No. 35—St. Johns.....	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George.....	St. George
No. 45—Brant.....	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram.....	Hagersville
No. 82—St. Johns.....	Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford.....	Burford	No. 505—Lynden.....	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson.....	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias.....	Brantford
No. 121—Doric.....	Brantford	No. 515—Reba.....	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland.....	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga.....	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong, Hanover

No. 131—St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	No. 393—Forest.....	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen.....	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar.....	Wiarton
No. 235—Aldworth.....	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston.....	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian.....	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford.....	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover.....	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf.....	Tara	No. 436—Burns.....	Hepworth

CHATHAM DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. MacCallum, Chatham

No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 327—Hammond.....	Wardsville
No. 245—Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	No. 336—Highgate.....	Highgate
No. 255—Sydenham.....	Dresden	No. 390—Florence.....	Florence
No. 267—Parthenon.....	Chatham	No. 391—Howard.....	Ridgetown
No. 274—Kent.....	Blenheim	No. 422—Star of the East.....	Bothwell
No. 282—Lorne.....	Glencoe	No. 457—Century.....	Merlin
No. 312—Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	No. 563—Victory.....	Chatham

EASTERN DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Glenn A. Shaver, Lunenburg

No. 21a—St. Johns.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 418—Maxville.....	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall.....	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria.....	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore.....	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales.....	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster.....	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal.....	Cardinal
No. 320—Chesterville.....	Chesterville	No. 557—Finch.....	Finch
No. 383—Henderson.....	Winchester	No. 596—Martintown.....	Martintown

FRONTENAC DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. A. Carscallen, Enterprise

No. 3—Ancient St. Johns.....	Kingston	No. 253—Minden.....	Kingston
No. 9—Union.....	Napanee	No. 299—Victoria.....	Centreville
No. 92—Cataragui.....	Kingston	No. 404—Lorne.....	Tamworth
No. 109—Albion.....	Harrowsmith	No. 441—Westport.....	Westport
No. 119—Maple Leaf.....	Bath	No. 460—Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay
No. 146—Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	No. 497—St. Andrew s.....	Arden
No. 157—Simpson.....	Newboro	No. 578—Queen's.....	Kingston
No. 201—Leeds.....	Gananoque	No. 585—Royal Edward.....	Kingston
No. 228—Prince Arthur.....	Odessa	No. 621—Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake

GEORGIAN DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. G. Kirkpatrick, Orillia**

No. 90—Manito.....	Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva.....	Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian.....	Barrie	No. 348—Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras.....	Meaford	No. 385—Spry.....	Beeton
No. 192—Orillia.....	Orillia	No. 444—Nitetis.....	Creemore
No. 230—Kerr.....	Barrie	No. 466—Coronation.....	Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver.....	Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham.....	Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba.....	Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria	Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian.....	Midland	No. 492—Karnak.....	Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light.....	Stayner	No. 538—Earl Kitchener.....	Pt. McNicol
No. 285—Seven Star.....	Alliston		

GREY DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. E. Colgan, Markdale**

No. 88—St. George's.....	Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
No. 216—Harris.....	Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne.....	Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington.....	Erin	No. 421—Scott.....	Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham.....	Durham	No. 449—Dundalk.....	Dundalk
No. 322—North Star.....	Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram.....	Markdale

HAMILTON DISTRICT A—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James H. Bates, Dundas**

No. 6—Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown.....	Millgrove
No. 40—St. Johns.....	Hamilton	No. 400—Oakville.....	Oakville
No. 100—Valley.....	Dundas	No. 475—Dundurn.....	Hamilton
No. 135—St. Clair.....	Milton	No. 513—Corinthian.....	Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington.....	Burlington	No. 551—Tuscan.....	Hamilton
No. 272—Seymour.....	Ancaster	No. 562—Hamilton.....	Hamilton
No. 291—Dufferin.....	W. Flamboro	No. 602—Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton
No. 324—Temple.....	Hamilton	No. 603—Campbell.....	Campbellville

HAMILTON DISTRICT B—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. J. Martindale, York**

No. 7—Union.....	Grimsby	No. 495—Electric.....	Hamilton
No. 27—Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	No. 544—Lincoln.....	Abingdon
No. 57—Harmony.....	Binbrook	No. 549—Ionic.....	Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia.....	Hamilton	No. 550—Buchanan.....	Hamilton
No. 62—St. Andrews.....	Caledonia	No. 555—Wardrobe.....	Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek	No. 593—St. Andrews.....	Hamilton
No. 185—Enniskillen.....	York	No. 594—Hillcrest.....	Hamilton
No. 382—Doric.....	Hamilton	U. D.—Beach.....	Burlington Beach

LONDON DISTRICT—(23 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. R. Sampson, London**

No. 20—St. Johns'.....	London	No. 358—Delaware Valley	Delaware ^e
No. 42—St. George's.....	London	No. 378—King Solomon's.....	London
No. 64—Kilwinning.....	London	No. 379—Middlesex.....	Bryanston
No. 107—St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	No. 380—Union.....	London
No. 190—Belmont.....	Belmont	No. 388—Henderson.....	Ilderton
No. 195—Tuscan.....	London	No. 394—King Solomon.....	Thamesford
No. 209a—St. John's	London	No. 399—Moffat.....	Harrietsville
No. 289—Doric.....	Lobo	No. 529—Myra.....	Komoka
No. 300—Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale	No. 580—Acacia.....	London
No. 330—Corinthian.....	London	No. 597—Temple.....	London
No. 344—Merrill.....	Dorchester Sta.	No. 610—Ashlar.....	Byron
No. 345—Nilestown.....	Nilestown		

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—(8 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John L. Moore, Parry Sound**

No. 352—Granite.....	Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong.....	Sandridge
No. 360—Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin.....	Elmsdale
No. 376—Unity.....	Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan.....	Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst	No. 454—Corona.....	Burk's Falls

NIAGARA DISTRICT—(25 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Sidney J. Wilson, Beamsville**

No. 2—Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 337—Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
No. 15—St. George's St. Catharines		No. 338—Dufferin.....	Wellandport
No. 32—Amity.....	Dunnville	No. 372—Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
No. 103—Maple Leaf ..St. Catharines		No. 373—Copestone.....	Welland
No. 105—St. Marks ..Niagara Falls		No. 471—King Edward VII Chippawa	
No. 115—Ivy.....	Beamsville	No. 502—Coronation.....	Smithville
No. 168—Merritt.....	Welland	No. 535—Phoenix.....	Fonthill
No. 169—Macnab.....	Pt. Colborne	No. 573—Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls
No. 221—Mountain.....	Thorold	No. 613—Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie
No. 254—Clifton.....	Niagara Falls	No. 614—Adanac.....	Merritton
No. 277—Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie	No. 615—Dominion.....	Ridgeway
No. 296—Temple.....	St. Catharines	No. 616—Perfection.....	St. Catharines
		No. 626—Stamford.....	South End

NIPISSING DISTRICT—(17 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Horace F. Goodfellow, Sault Ste. Marie**

No. 405—Mattawa.....	Mattawa	No. 472—Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay
No. 412—Keystone ..Sault Ste. Marie		No. 487—Penewobikong..	Blind River
No. 420—Nipissing.....	North Bay	No. 527—Espanola.....	Espanola
No. 427—Nickel.....	Sudbury	No. 536—Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff
No. 442—Dymont.....	Thessalon	No. 588—National.....	Capreol
No. 447—Sturgeon Fa. Sturgeon Falls		No. 617—North Bay.....	North Bay
No. 455—Doric.....	Little Current	No. 622—Lorne.....	Chapleau
No. 469—Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie	No. 625—Hatherly ..Sault Ste. Marie	
		No. 636—Hornepayne ..	Hornepayne

NORTH HURON DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. H. Linklater, Teeswater**

No. 93—Northern Light..	Kincardine	No. 286—Wingham.....	Wingham
No. 162—Forest.....	Wroxeter	No. 303—Blyth.....	Blyth
No. 184—Old Light.....	Lucknow	No. 314—Blair.....	Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard.....	Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich.....	Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater.....	Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce.....	Tiverton
No. 284—St. Johns.....	Brussels	No. 568—Hullett.....	Londeshoro

ONTARIO DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Frank H. Brown, Port Hope**

No. 17—St. John's.....	Cobourg	No. 91—Colborne.....	Colborne
No. 26—Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 114—Hope.....	Port Hope
No. 30—Composite.....	Whitby	No. 139—Lebanon.....	Oshawa
No. 31—Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar.....	Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion.....	Brooklin	No. 325—Orono.....	Orono
No. 66—Durham.....	Newcastle	No. 428—Fidelity.....	Port Perry

OTTAWA DISTRICT—(27 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James A. Ross, Ottawa**

No. 52—Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	No. 459—Cobden.....	Cobden
No. 58—Doric.....	Ottawa	No. 465—Carleton.....	Carp
No. 63—St. John's.....	Carleton Place	No. 476—Corinthian.....	North Gower
No. 122—Renfrew.....	Renfrew	No. 479—Russell.....	Russell
No. 128—Pembroke.....	Pembroke	No. 516—Enterprise.....	Beachburg
No. 147—Mississippi.....	Almonte	No. 517—Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean
No. 148—Civil Service.....	Ottawa	No. 526—Ionic.....	Westboro
No. 159—Goodwood.....	Richmond	No. 558—Sidney Albert Luke Ottawa	
No. 177—The Builders.....	Ottawa	No. 560—St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa
No. 196—Madawaska.....	Arnprior	No. 561—Acacia.....	Westboro
No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa	No. 564—Ashlar.....	Ottawa
No. 264—Chaudiere.....	Ottawa	No. 590—Defenders.....	Ottawa
No. 371—Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa	No. 595—Rideau.....	Ottawa
No. 433—Bonnehchere.....	Eganville		

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Benjamin Buchanan, Warkworth**

No. 101—Corinthian.....	Peterborough	No. 223—Norwood.....	Norwood
No. 126—Golden Rule..	Campbellford	No. 313—Clementi.....	Lakefield
No. 145—J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	No. 374—Keene.....	Keene
No. 155—Peterborough..	Peterborough	No. 435—Havelock.....	Havelock
No. 161—Percy.....	Warkworth	No. 523—Royal Arthur Peterborough	
		No. 633—Hastings ..	Hastings

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Francis E. Brown, Madoc**

No. 11—Moirs.....	Belleville	No. 127—Frank.....	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward.....	Picton	No. 164—Star in the East.....	Wellington
No. 29—United.....	Brighton	No. 215—Lake.....	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent.....	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora.....	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc.....	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed.....	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon.....	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka.....	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling.....	Stirling	No. 401—Craig.....	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville.....	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft.....	Bancroft

SARNIA DISTRICT,—(21 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. A. Campbell, Strathroy**

No. 56—Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona.....	Arkona
No. 81—St. Johns.....	Mount Brydges	No. 323—Alvinston.....	Alvinston
No. 83—Beaver.....	Strathroy	No. 328—Ionic.....	Napier
No. 116—Cassia.....	Thedford	No. 392—Huron.....	Cambridge
No. 153—Burns.....	Wyoming	No. 397—Leopold.....	Brigden
No. 158—Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	No. 419—Liberty.....	Sarnia
No. 194—Petrolia.....	Petrolia	No. 425—St. Clair.....	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock.....	Watford	No. 437—Tuscan.....	Sarnia
No. 260—Washington.....	Petrolia	No. 503—Inwood.....	Inwood
No. 263—Forest.....	Forest	No. 601—St. Paul.....	Sarnia
No. 294—Moore.....	Courtright		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jas. A. Myers, Mitchell**

No. 33—Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 233—Doric.....	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James.....	St. Mary's	No. 309—Morning Star.....	Carlow
No. 84—Clinton.....	Clinton	No. 332—Stratford.....	Stratford
No. 133—Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	No. 456—Elma.....	Monkton
No. 141—Tudor.....	Mitchell	No. 478—Milverton.....	Milverton
No. 144—Tecumseh.....	Stratford	No. 483—Granton.....	Granton
No. 154—Irving.....	Lucan	No. 493—St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's
No. 170—Britannia.....	Seaforth	No. 574—Craig.....	Ailsa Craig
No. 224—Zurich.....	Hensall	No. 609—Tavistock.....	Tavistock

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. Derbyshire**

No. 5—Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 242—Macoy.....	Mallorytown
No. 14—True Britons.....	Perth	No. 368—Salem.....	Brockville
No. 24—St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	No. 370—Harmony.....	Delta
No. 28—Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	No. 387—Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville.....	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'ntain N. Augusta	N. Augusta
No. 74—St. James.....	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn.....	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun.....	Athens	No. 489—Osiris.....	Smith's Falls
No. 110—Central.....	Prescott	No. 504—Otter.....	Lombardy
No. 209—Evergreen.....	Lanark	No. 556—Nation.....	Spencerville

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Geo. R. Stevenson, St. Thomas**

No. 44—St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	No. 302—St. Davids.....	St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Marks.....	Port Stanley	No. 364—Dufferin.....	Melbourne
No. 120—Warren.....	Fingal	No. 386—McCull.....	West Lorne
No. 140—Malahide.....	Aylmer	No. 411—Rodney.....	Rodney
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 546—Talbot.....	St. Thomas
No. 232—Cameron.....	Dutton		

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Ernest J. Mason, South Porcupine**

No. 462—Temiskaming New Liskeard		No. 528—Golden Beaver.....	Timmins
No. 485—Haileybury.....	Haileybury	No. 530—Cochrane.....	Cochrane
No. 486—Silver.....	Cobalt	No. 534—Englehart.....	Englehart
No. 506—Porcupine.....	Porcupine	No. 540—Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls
No. 507—Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake	No. 623—Doric.....	Kirkland Lake

TORONTO DISTRICT A—(27 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. J. Alexander, Weston**

No. 229—Ionic.....	Brampton	No. 548—General Mercer.....	Toronto ^o
No. 305—Humber.....	Weston	No. 565—Kilwinning.....	Toronto ^o
No. 346—Occident.....	Toronto	No. 566—King Hiram.....	Toronto
No. 356—River Park.....	Streetsville	No. 575—Fidelity.....	Toronto
No. 369—Mimico.....	Lambton Mills	No. 582—Sunnyside.....	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley.....	Toronto	No. 583—Transportation.....	Toronto
No. 474—Victoria.....	Toronto	No. 587—Patricia.....	Toronto
No. 501—Connaught.....	Mimico	No. 599—Mt. Dennis.....	Weston
No. 510—Parkdale.....	Toronto	No. 600—Maple Leaf.....	Toronto
No. 522—Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto	No. 605—Melita.....	Toronto
No. 524—Mississauga.....	Port Credit	No. 619—Runnymede.....	Toronto
No. 525—Temple.....	Toronto	No. 630—Prince of Wales.....	Toronto
No. 531—High Park.....	Toronto	No. 632—Long Branch.....	Mimico
		U.D.—Anthony Sayer.....	Mimico

TORONTO DISTRICT B—(27 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John D. Spence, Toronto**

No. 16—St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 430—Acacia.....	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic.....	Toronto	No. 464—King Edward.....	Sunderland
No. 75—St. John's.....	Toronto	No. 473—Beaches.....	Toronto
No. 87—Markham Union.....	Markham	No. 494—Riverdale.....	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson.....	Stouffville	No. 520—Cronati.....	Toronto
No. 218—Stevenson.....	Toronto	No. 532—Canada.....	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	No. 543—Imperial.....	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union.....	Claremont	No. 545—Jno Ross Robertson.....	Toronto
No. 316—Doric.....	Toronto	No. 552—Queen City.....	Toronto
No. 339—Orient.....	Toronto	No. 567—St. Aidans.....	Toronto
No. 343—Georgina.....	Toronto	No. 576—Mimosa.....	Toronto
No. 354—Brock.....	Cannington	No. 612—Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff
No. 424—Doric.....	Pickering	No. 620—Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto
		No. 637—Caledonia.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT C—(26 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. E. Hopkings, Toronto**

No. 22—King Solomon.....	Toronto	No. 481—Corinthian.....	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	No. 512—Malone.....	Sutton
No. 65—Rehoboam.....	Toronto	No. 542—Metropolitan.....	Toronto
No. 79—Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 553—Oakwood.....	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson.....	Toronto	No. 577—St. Clair.....	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon.....	Queensville	No. 581—Harcourt.....	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan.....	Newmarket	No. 591—North Gate.....	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun.....	Aurora	No. 592—Fairbank.....	Toronto
No. 156—York.....	Toronto	No. 606—Unity.....	Toronto
No. 247—Ashlar.....	Toronto	No. 607—Golden Fleece.....	Toronto
No. 265—Patterson.....	Thornhill	No. 629—Grenville.....	Toronto
No. 326—Zetland.....	Toronto	No. 634—Delta.....	Toronto
No. 438—Harmony.....	Toronto	No. 638—Bedford.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT D—(23 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thos. A. Carson, Toronto**

No. 54—Vaughan.....	Maple	No. 533—Shamrock.....	Toronto
No. 98—True Blue.....	Bolton	No. 537—Ulster.....	Toronto
No. 118—Union.....	Schomberg	No. 541—Tuscan.....	Toronto
No. 292—Robertson.....	King	No. 547—Victory.....	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood.....	Woodbridge	No. 559—Palestine.....	Toronto
No. 367—St. George.....	Toronto	No. 570—Dufferin.....	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha.....	Toronto	No. 571—Antiquity.....	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta.....	Toronto	No. 572—Mizpah.....	Toronto
No. 468—Peel.....	Caledon East	No. 586—War Veterans.....	Toronto
No. 496—University.....	Toronto	No. 589—Grey.....	Toronto
No. 514—St. Alban's.....	Toronto	No. 611—Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto
		No. 635—Wellington.....	Toronto

VICTORIA DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Sid. Johnston, Lindsay**

No. 77—Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	No. 440—Arcadia.....	Minden
No. 268—Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon	No. 451—Somerville.....	Kinmount
No. 375—Lorne.....	Omamee	No. 463—North Entrance.....	Haliburton
No. 398—Victoria.....	Kirkfield	No. 477—Harding.....	Woodville
No. 406—Spry.....	Fenelon Falls	No. 498—King George V.....	Coboconk
No. 408—Murray.....	Beaverton	No. 608—Gothic.....	Lindsay

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Alex. Jaffray, Guelph**

No. 72—Alma.....Galt	No. 279—New Hope.....Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River.....Kitchener	No. 295—Conestogo.....Drayton
No. 172—Ayr.....Ayr	No. 297—Preston.....Preston
No. 180—Speed.....Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot.....Baden
No. 203—Irvine.....Elora	No. 321—Walker.....Acton
No. 205—New Dom'on, NewHamburg	No. 347—Mercer.....Fergus
No. 219—Credit.....Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley.....Guelph
No. 257—Galt.....Galt	No. 509—Twin City.....Kitchener
No. 258—Guelph.....Guelph	No. 539—Waterloo.....Waterloo
	No. 628—Glenrose.....Elmira

WILSON DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. M. Stevens, Woodstock**

No. 10—Norfolk.....Simcoe	No. 178—Plattsville.....Plattsville
No. 37—King Hiram.....Ingersoll	No. 181—Oriental.....Port Burwell
No. 43—King Solomon's.....Woodstock	No. 217—Frederick.....Delhi
No. 68—St. John's.....Ingersoll	No. 237—Vienna.....Vienna
No. 76—Oxford.....Woodstock	No. 250—Thistle.....Embro
No. 78—King Hiram.....Tillsonburg	No. 259—Springfield.....Springfield
No. 104—St. John's.....Norwich	No. 261—Oak Branch.....Innerkip
No. 108—Blenheim.....Princeton	No. 359—Vittoria.....Vittoria
No. 149—Erie.....Port Dover	No. 569—Doric.....Lakeside
No. 174—Walsingham.....Port Rowan	

WINDSOR DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. S. Setterington, Leamington**

No. 34—Thistle.....Amherstburg	No. 488—King Edward.....Harrow
No. 41—St. George.....Kingsville	No. 500—Rose.....Windsor
No. 47—Great Western.....Windsor	No. 521—Ontario.....Windsor
No. 290—Leamington.....Leamington	No. 554—Border Cities.....Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim.....Comber	No. 579—Harmony.....Windsor
No. 402—Central.....Essex	No. 598—Dominion.....Windsor
No. 403—Windsor.....Windsor	No. 604—Palace.....Windsor
No. 413—Naphtali.....Tilbury	No. 627—Pelee.....Scudder
No. 448—Xenophon.....Wheatley	U.D.—Garden.....Windsor
	U.D.—St. Andrew's.....Windsor

RECAPITULATION

Algoma District.....	15 Lodges
Brant District.....	14 Lodges
Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
Chatham District.....	14 Lodges
Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
Frontenac District.....	18 Lodges
Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
Grey District.....	12 Lodges
Hamilton A District.....	16 Lodges
Hamilton B District.....	16 Lodges
London.....	23 Lodges
Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
Niagara District.....	25 Lodges
Nipissing District.....	17 Lodges
North Huron District.....	12 Lodges
Ontario District.....	12 Lodges
Ottawa District.....	27 Lodges
Peterborough District.....	11 Lodges
Prince Edward District.....	16 Lodges
Sarnia District.....	21 Lodges
South Huron District.....	18 Lodges
St. Lawrence District.....	18 Lodges
St. Thomas.....	11 Lodges
Temiskaming District.....	10 Lodges
Toronto A District.....	27 Lodges
Toronto B District.....	27 Lodges
Toronto C District.....	26 Lodges
Toronto D District.....	23 Lodges
Victoria District.....	12 Lodges
Wellington District.....	19 Lodges
Wilson District.....	19 Lodges
Windsor District.....	19 Lodges

LODGES BY LOCATION

Location	Name and No.	Location	Name and No.
Abingdon	Lincoln 544	Cardinal	Cardinal 491
Acton	Walker 321	Cargill	Moravian 431
Ailsa Craig	Craig 574	Carlow	Morning Star 309
Alexandria	Alexandria 439	Carp	Carleton 465
Alliston	Seven Star 285	Carleton Place	St. John's 63
Almonte	Mississippi 147	Cayuga	St. John's 35
Alvinston	Alvinston 323	Centreville	Victoria 299
Ameliasburg	Lake 215	Chapleau	Lorne 622
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Hill. 570—S. A. Murray, S. S. Hughes, W. H. Philip, C. R. McArthur, J. A. McFadden, H. Duke. 571—F. S. Cummings, F. J. Peake, W. M. Davis, E. J. Hopkins, J. H. Hagerty. 576—A. M. Allen, W. McMullen, H. E. Crayford, W. F. Scott, A. G. Prentice. 579—C. H. Metcalf, H. N. Fox, F. C. Westcott, W. C. O'Neill. 582—M. C. Buell. 586—F. Critchley, W. F. Orr, W. Black, F. M. Fisher, R. L. McMillan, J. A. Ridgeway. 587—F. S. Townsend. 588—J. J. Martin. 589—F. S. Redfern. 593—A. Findlay, G. McClintosh, C. J. Wallace. 594—J. H. Leach. 595—R. J. Dell. 599—T. J. Crossan, J. W. Thompson. 600—J. C. Williams, F. W. Anderson, G. F. Barneswell, A. F. Pridham. 602—E. A. Thompson, J. H. Leach, A. L. Campbell, G. H. French. 604—S. A. Wylie, A. Massey, H. R. Sills. 605—W. R. Dredge. 606—E. F. Spencer, C. B. D. Palmer, G. E. Mitchell, M. S. Bangs. 610—J. Moss, P. Paterson. 611—J. A. Stewart, R. W. Trelford, H. F. Constable, R. Brown. 612—W. A. Hewitt, N. W. Mead, G. S. Cummings, W. F. Scott. 617—R. H. MacCormack. 620—W. H. Ross, H. F. MacPherson, W. H. Blake. 621—S. F. Leavine.

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6—C. E. Webb. 16—W. W. Dunlop, F. G. Anderson. 118—H. H. Coffey. 144—P. Smith. 153—A. Norwood. 343—J. M. Pollock. 531—C. A. Matthews. 541—C. J. Settell. 559—L. Layman. 599—E. G. Brock. 603—J. Service.

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27—C. W. J. Coleman. 382—J. A. Church. 469—H. C. Barrett. 555—A. Evans.

DEATHS 1925

2—A. T. Freed, Sept., 1924: H. L. Anderson, 12 Nov. 3—R. W. Garrett, Jan. 20: W. J. Renton, July 20: J. McCannnon, Aug. 26: S. Sutherland, Nov. 21: J. M. Shaw, Oct. 4: J. W. Power, Aug. 21: S. E. Wartman, Nov. 4: R. Bunt, Sept. 6. 5—J. E. Browse, Feb. 17: H. N. Gardiner, Apr. 27: C. M. B. Cornell, May 8: W. H. Edwards, June 12: J. H. Elliott, Aug. 21: N. O. Kilpatrick, Sep. 7: J. S. Dodds, Nov. 9: 6—J. Wheatley, Dec. 30, 1924: A. Cameron, Jan. 13: J. E. Harding, Mar. 16: C. H. Marrs, Apr. 16: T. H. Allen, May 21: W. Armstrong, May 25: F. F. Backus, June 24: R. T. Howard, June 28: W. C. Reid, Nov. 6: G. H. Mathews, Dec. 3: R. Armitage, 31 May, 1925. 7—L. L. Buck, Jan. 12: L. G. Jarvis, Sep. 10: A. Cole, Oct. 24. 9—G. A. Blewitt, Feb. 26: H. B. Sherwood, Oct. 17: T. S. Henry, Nov. 7. 10—H. B. Wickens, Jan. 7: R. Spencer, Aug. 10: J. Baker, Sep. 2. 11—L. H. Wrightmeyer, Dec. 24, 1924. J. B. Archibald, Jan. 24: H. C. Carr, Mar. 12: H. W. Ross, Mar. 13: J. McIntosh, Mar. 18: J. Irwin, June 3: A. I. Bird, June 3: J. A. Goodsell, Oct. 5: W. B. Northrup, Oct. 22: T. Blackburn, Nov. 23: S. H. Treverton, Dec. 25. 15—J. F. Allen, Apr. 9. 16—W. A. Firstbrook, Dec. 31, 1924: L. E. Horning, Jan. 6: G. W. Woodland, Jan. 16: H. C. Montgomery, Mar. 13: S. H. Gibbons, Apr. 3: A. Littler, May 11: H. T. Hughes, Feb. 24: H. Austen, Aug. 4: D. J. Walker, Sep. 2: A. M. Featherston, Oct. 18. 17—J. Baxter, Apr. 17: T. Diamond, June 1: A. B. Roberts, Sept. 30. 18—D. L. Bongard, May 2: H. S. Reynolds, May 22: W. B. Cooper, Dec. 21. 20—F. G. Mitchell, Dec. 13: J. W. McCallum, Jan. 20: J. Footitt, Aug. 1: W. D. Miller, Aug. 10: J. A. Ferrin, Aug. 25: N. McGill, Oct. 18: F. W. McLaren, Dec. 1. 21A—W. P. Houston, Dec. 21. 22—W. C. Ayling, Mar. 19: P. F. Coutts, May 20: T. Barber, Aug. 8: H. G. Rawlinson, Oct. 14: A. Harlock, Nov. 25: E. Milliken, Nov. 29. 23—G. C. Ellis, Jan. 2: J. F. Hickson, July 5: T. F. McMahon, July 15. 24—G. Marquet, May 18: G. T. Martin, Mar. 4: J. T. Scott, Aug. 30: S. W. Connerty, Nov. 18. 25—R. B. Henderson, Jan. 11: A. P. Burritt, Feb. 21: W. R. White, Mar. 23: S. B. Sykes, Mar. 30: J. W. Rolph, Apr. 2: C. W. Postlethwaite, Apr. 24: A. R. Boswell, May 16: G. S. Ryerson, May 20: G. H. C. Brooke, Oct. 10. 26—T. B. Spiers, Mar. 1: W. G. Brown, Mar. 10: N. E. Jennings, Dec. 26. 27—J. E. Huxley, July 1924: E. J. Fenwick, Jan. 29: T. H. Husband, Feb. 19: J. W. Coy, Mar. 7: B. W. Yorrick, Mar. 15: A. W. Scott, Mar. 17: O. T. Davis, Apr. 13: D. Kidd, Apr. 13: E. Healey, May 21: D. D. Smith, Sep. 20: W. C. Metherall, Nov. 10: E. G. McLaren, Nov. 16: W. Somerville, Dec. 18: G. Shambrook, Dec. 21. 28—H. L. Bradford, Jan. 25: A. Boyd, Apr. 29—G. H. Roblin, Nov. 25: F. Clark, Dec. 15: F. E. Marshall, Dec. 4. 30—R. Francis, Nov. 30. 31—M. J. Smith, Mar. 1: H. V. Rowe, Sep. 30. 32—J. T. Masson, Feb. 17: W. D. Patterson, Mar. 24: A. Price, Apr. 4. J. H. Rozell, June 28: H. O. Cowell, June 12: F. E. Furry, Oct. 10: W. G. Wismer, Apr. 5. 33—J. E. Sharman, May 8: W. D. Baxter, May 16: S. Bissett, July 4: J. Yates, Aug. 30: C. Murray, July 23: G. A. Lauder, Aug. 2. 34—T. A. Patterson, Aug. 5: H. A. Harris, Nov. 4. 35—W. F. Haygarth, July 24: D. T. Rogers, Nov. 24. 37—T. Gibson, Jan. 31: J. M. Curry, Apr. 17: W. L. Underwood, Aug. 2. S. A. Martin, Aug. 13: C. L. Bailey, Dec. 27. 38—J. B. Christie, Feb. 4: G. J. Barlow, Mar. 25: J. Sanson, June 8: K. S. White, Aug. 4: W. L. Watson, Oct. 8. 40—F. Stares, Feb. 2: J. A. Hutton, Feb. 9: W. Birrell, Feb. 15: N. D. Galbraith, Feb. 17: D. Joss, Mar. 14: A. Garvie, May 14: T. Meade, May 18: A. L. Ballentine, June 8: M. H. Armer, June 23: C. G. Carlson, Dec. 18. 41—A. Fulmer, June 4: C. J. Green, Mar. 26: R. D. Buchanan, Nov. 24. 42—C. McDonald, May 1: F. A. Smith, June 25: W. Skinner, July 24: W. E. Watson, July 25: A. Glintz, Aug. 29: G. E. Martin, Sept. 20: G. Priddis, Oct. 5: R. Steele, Dec. 16. 43—F. W. Blackwell, Apr. 21: T. Lyons, Apr. 7: G. Dingwall, June 3: J. McGachie, June 17: A. McPherson, July 3: D. Schlimmie, Sep. 5: C. E. Marshall, Sep. 26: T. Hallock, Dec. 6. 44—W. L. Wickett, Feb. 27: W. H. Cooper, May 28: W. Freele, July 23: R. J. Middleton, Sep. 1: H. G. Dunn, Oct. 12: S. Price, Nov. 7. 45—H. F. Leonard, May 24: A. E. Harley, June 11: T. H. Preston, Nov. 10: G. N. Crooker, Nov. 8: J. M. Book, Nov. 15: F. M. Marsh, Nov. 19: G. I. Hornsell, Nov. 29. 46—B. Rothwell, Mar. 5: G. Smithson, June 6: J. T. Everitt, Aug. 2: D. L. Johnston, Dec. 5. 47—G. S. Scott, Mar. 9: F. D. Forrest, Mar. 29: B. J. Morden, May 20: T. H. Warren, Nov. 6: F. W. Dewar, Aug. 21: W. Scott, Sep. 11: W. Holdstock, Sep. 21. B. A. Finnamore, Oct. 9: R. Wilson, Dec. 11: P. B. Johnston, Dec. 14. 48—A. Gunter, Mar. 26: A. H. Watson, Feb. 9: H. McKinnon, Jan. 20: A. Diamond, Nov. 2. 50—A. Vanderwater, Jan. 2: J. Martin, Oct. 13: 52—W. Simpson, Mar. 21: J. Laidlaw, June 12: R. C. Shannon, Sep. 23: L. Jarvis, Aug. 23. 55—G. Carnochan, June 6: F. E. Glover, March. 56—G. L. Phillips, Aug. 19: J. MacEdward, Dec. 3: T. R. Davis, Dec. 29. 58—J. McLay, Jan. 11: J. J. Smyth, Mar. 16: J. E. Featherston, Aug. 12. 61—W. Swire, Dec. 21, 1924: P. McKay, Feb. 25: E. P. Wyatt, Mar. 12: P. L. Burns, Apr. 2. 64—D. Mason, Mar. 7: W. Fullarton, May 5: S. F. Glass, Apr. 6: A. E. Peters, May 20: A. Guthner, June 30: C. E.

Tolmie, July 2. 65—T. Bell, Jan. 6: J. Brimer, May 16: J. B. Reid, June 17: H. G. Luke, June 27: C. E. Combes, July 22: T. Barber, Aug. 8: A. Beck, Aug. 15: J. McCurrah, Aug. 23: W. Robson, July 4: A. E. Black, Oct. 17: F. G. Lee, Oct. 26: B. E. Taylor, Dec. 4. 66—S. Jose, Sep. 15. 69—E. B. Morton, Sep. 10: T. Lloyd, Dec. 5: 72—A. P. Grundy, Sep. 27: G. C. Easton, Dec. 14. 73—A. Carman, Jan. 25: C. Richardson, June 10. 75—G. L. Gray, Feb. 4: N. V. Kuhlman, Feb. 17: J. Kerr, July 1: G. W. Grant, Aug. 28: T. Marshall, Nov. 1: W. C. Phillips, Oct. 23. 77—D. C. Trew, Feb. 6: T. S. Begg, Feb. 21: J. E. Harding, Mar. 16: J. J. McMahon, Apr. 27: J. McAlpine, July 18: J. E. Grawden, July 18: C. F. Reeves, Sep. 12: W. T. Bawes, Oct. 19. 78—H. F. Dean, Jan. 11: J. H. Rock, Mar. 3: G. C. Creighton, May 26: J. C. Ross, Sep. 3: J. M. Taylor, Sep. 10: C. F. Sinden, Nov. 10. 79—S. Platt, Mar. 12: W. J. Edmanson, Sep.: R. Kneeshaw, Dec. 22. 82—R. H. Elliott, Oct. 2: B. Travers, Nov. 6: J. D. Foulds, Nov. 6. 83—S. M. Smyth, Feb. 20: T. N. Dunn, May 10: J. A. Newton, July 19: D. Sands, Aug. 25: A. P. Grundy, Sep. 27. 84—J. Rider, July 24: J. Paxman, Oct. 1. 85—A. J. Preston, Nov. 17. 86—J. Morrison, Jan. 6: W. R. Scott, Jan. 17: G. H. Moody, Mar. 5: S. N. Hughes, May 5: T. R. Kennedy, May 6: H. Abel, Aug. 23: R. A. Wilson, Oct. 24: F. W. Micklethwaite, Dec. 5: W. A. Richardson, Dec. 22. 87—G. R. Vanzant, Oct. 15. 88—C. D. Taylor, May 22: W. Little, Nov. 28. 90—W. T. Herrington, Feb. 12: G. M. Aylesworth, Apr. 14: R. H. Rorabeck, Mar. 1: W. Williams, July: F. S. Lewis, Aug. 30. 91—J. Cowie, Apr. 27: B. Hinma, Dec. 20. 92—P. Reid, Feb. 12: F. Dixon, Jan. 13: E. C. Hiseock, May 9: J. H. Birkett, May 20: W. G. Lessage, Mar. 26: J. A. Derry, Apr. 12: R. Bunt, Sep. 6: C. S. Wheeler, Sep. 23. 93—D. A. McInnis, Jan. 6: J. H. Fleming, Aug. 21: J. C. Dagg, Sep. 5. 94—J. H. Courtenay, June 3. 96—A. Urquhart, Feb. 19: J. R. McArthur, Sep. 25: C. R. McConkey, Sep. 4. 97—W. H. Johnston, Aug. 18. 98—J. O. Hambly, Feb. 7: R. L. Stewart, July 17. 99—J. E. B. Wilson, Apr. 11. 100—E. Standen, Dec. 24. 101—R. A. Morrow, July 1: J. T. Squires, Aug. 17. 103—J. E. Longley, Jan. 31: H. A. Blair, Aug. 17. 104—A. E. Huie, June 8: N. Haight, July 16. 105—C. A. Vanderburg, Feb. 12: T. L. McCartney, Apr. 16: E. Pickard, June 26: E. E. Wilson, Sep.: A. Perry, Aug. 1. 106—B. Doran, May 27. 108—A. W. Courtney, Apr. 15. 110—J. Davidson, Dec. 13. 113—J. Collings, Feb. 21: H. A. Church, June 10: C. Kitchen, June 23: J. Gable, Dec. 12. 114—J. Thomas, Mar. 5. 115—J. M. Foster, Jan. 1: J. Grobb, Apr. 6: J. H. Tallman, Oct. 3. 118—D. McCallum, Aug. 25. 119—G. R. Rodick, Jan. 26: P. E. Waite, Aug. 20: J. F. Johnston, Dec. 22. 120—H. J. Henderson, Apr. 13: H. A. Teare, Oct. 30. 121—L. H. Taylor, Jan. 4: J. W. Robinson, Feb. 9: J. Hawkins, Mar. 14: G. U. Baird, May 7: F. Syer, May 9: C. H. Waterous, June 10: W. Hamilton, Sep. 27: W. A. Hollinrake, Sep. 25: L. Harris, Sep. 27: T. H. Preston, Nov. 7: W. Syrie, Dec. 9. 122—J. Mann, Mar. 9: S. Donaldson, Nov. 24: R. Handley, Dec. 2: D. Barr, Dec. 20. 123—H. G. Belsey, Mar. 3: G. Eccles, Mar. 7: J. Laird, Apr. 8: R. W. Ward, Oct. 24: J. A. Holgate, Nov. 5: V. Faulkner, Dec. 21. 125—P. Brocklebank, May 19: W. H. Dunkin, June 6: M. C. Hamilton, Sep. 11: C. Nesbitt, Oct. 7. 126—H. E. Southern, July 22: W. S. Russell, Aug. 18: G. Harmel, Dec. 22. 127—T. H. Foster, Feb. 19: D. C. Anderson, Mar. 6: R. McMurray, Dec. 31, 1924. 128—T. Pink, Feb. 14: W. R. White, Mar. 23. 129—J. Decker, Mar. 8: E. McMahon, Feb. 7: W. M. Scanlon, July 8. 131—W. Hazard, July 14. 133—P. Rowcliffe, Mar. 20: R. W. Fuke, Dec. 14. 135—P. Stuart, Aug. 24: N. McMillan, Nov. 5. 136—J. E. Madill, Jan. 23: N. E. Smith, June 5. 137—A. Helstrop, Sep. 6. 139—G. A. Johnston, Jan. 12: F. B. B. Patten, Feb. 8: M. E. Smith, Aug. 27. 140—C. T. Burdick, Jan. 6. 142—R. W. Wood, Dec. 22. 143—A. A. Serviss, Sep. 15: A. Currie, Oct. 26. 144—J. McLean, Jan. 1: F. Krug, Feb. 27: J. E. Harding, Mar. 16: G. Malcolm, Aug. 18: R. Middleton, Sep. 14: C. Packert, Oct. 31: W. E. Ratz, Nov. 6. 145—D. Sutton, (No date): T. A. Kelly, May 7. 146—G. Dean, May 7: T. I. Winter, Oct. 28. 148—R. S. Minnes, Dec. 27: W. J. Bishop, Aug. 23. 151—P. Davey, Apr. 27: J. M. Scully, June 25: H. G. Lackner, Dec. 5: J. E. Jacques, Sep. 21: A. Wright, Dec. 19. 153—J. Banting, Jan. 25: J. Sharp, Nov. 10: J. Rooke, Dec. 11. 154—W. L. Corbett, Oct. 12. 155—W. E. Comway, May 31: M. McClelland, Aug. 23: J. W. Carey, Oct. 7: W. H. White, Nov. 14. 156—W. Muston, Feb. 9: A. Clark, Apr. 22: W. G. Bussell, May 14: J. Ramsay, Sep. 23: H. G. C. Brooke, Oct. 10. 157—J. Paul, May 3. 164—J. D. Wilson, Feb. 1. 165—C. W. Ingram, Aug. 31. 166—D. H. Corey, Feb. 17. 168—D. B. White, Jan. 14: W. C. Dawdy, Jan. 24. 169—P. Grobb, Feb.: H. W. Houser, May: W. R. Jackson, Oct. 29. 170—L. T. DeLacey, Dec. 20. 172—W. Oliver, May 30. 177—E. J. Darby, Jan. 5: W. J. Fairbairn, Mar. 17: J. E. Askwith, Oct. 6. 178—G. Evans, July 20. 180—T. Kirk, Feb. 24: F. W. Hocking, Apr. 11: W. Ross, May 6. 181—G. Adcock, May. 18. R. McCallum, May 3: M. Matheson, Aug. 9: D. McKay, Sep. 28. 190—D. L. McCrae, Feb. 13. 192—E. F. Cooke, Feb. 17: J. McLeod, Apr. 3: G. H. White, Aug. 31: A. R. Harvie, Sep. 21: T. B. B. Jebb, July 25. 193—C. L. Merritt, Mar. 8: T. Murray, Mar. 26. 194—R. F. Browning, Feb. 10: R. Jackson, May 7: G. E. McCall, July 24: C. Collins, Apr. 10. 196—J. F. Ritchie, July 5. 197—J. Douglas, June 29. 200—J. McLellan, Mar. 6: G. McEachern, Apr. 10. 201—G. Toner, Apr. 30: J. McKellar, July 9. 205—J. F. Katzenmier, Dec. 24, 1924. 207—R. T. Nicholson, Apr. 17. 209A—W. M. Shoebottom, Jan. 13: G. W.

Walters, Feb. 10: W. J. Ball, Feb. 13: R. N. Cullis, Sep. 10: T. E. Tracey, Oct. 31
 R. Pococke, Nov. 11: J. B. Richardson, Dec. 23. 209—W. Montgomery, Mar. 26:
 H. Stewart, Nov. 24. 215—S. B. Russell, June 7. 216—W. R. Scott, Jan. 18:
 R. Hewitt, Oct. 21. 218—J. Watson, Feb. 22: R. J. Johnston, Feb. 22: G. H.
 Lauder, Aug. 22: W. Mitchell, Aug. 14: J. Whitfield, Dec. 3. 219—F. T. Gale,
 Jan. 4: L. V. Reid, Mar. 6. 220—S. Solley, Aug. 26: T. Reynolds, Nov. 21: I.
 Graham, Dec. 13. 221—A. Aitkens, Aug. 7. 222—S. Summons, May 21. 223—
 J. Baskin, May 4. 224—J. Doig, June 4: J. W. Peck, June 28: W. C. Davis, Oct.
 11. 225—W. D. Angus, Dec. 4. 229—J. Dawson, May 16. 230—W. J. Suther-
 land, Mar. 11: A. McKenzie, Apr. 24: E. Hollinger, Apr. 25: M. Cockburn, Oct.
 18: J. S. Reid, Dec. 15: C. H. Bosanko, July. 231—T. A. Musgrove, Feb. 14.
 232—C. G. Shippey, Feb. 25: N. Liberty, Mar. 3. 233—G. A. Fraser, Apr. 16:
 M. McCuish, July 4. 234—F. H. Nicholson, Apr. 2. 238—E. H. Sawers, Feb.
 4: J. Newell, June 4: T. Adams, Nov. 2. 239—W. J. Campbell, Jan. 3: C. W.
 Huyck, Feb. 7: W. S. Busby, Jan. 31: T. N. Johnston, Mar. 23. 243—C. P.
 Keefer, Apr. 22: J. B. Anderson, Oct. 6. 247—D. E. Wright, Jan. 3: A. R.
 Bunk, Feb. 25: J. B. Hayes, May 19: R. H. Elliott, Oct. 2: A. B. Fortier, Nov. 28.
 249—C. A. Philips, Dec. 10: W. H. Williams, Nov. 19: A. H. Griffiths, July 11.
 250—G. M. Creighton, May 28. 253—J. A. Wilmot, Nov. 20: H. B. Easter, Oct.
 18. 254—T. A. Dyas, Feb. 25: S. D. Warren, June 20: H. A. Neil, Feb. 5: T. D.
 Sutherland, Nov. 13. 256—P. Donnelly, Oct. 10: G. P. Eamon, Jan. 6, 1926.
 G. H. Hodgkins, Jan. 27, 1926. 257—J. Gilliland, Apr. 19: M. Palmer, May 1:
 J. Hood, May 11: W. D. Cowan, Oct. 15: J. Blythe, Oct. 23. 259—P. Charlton,
 May 8: G. Clunas, Sep. 17. 260—C. O. Fairbank, Feb. 24: C. Wilson, July 13:
 F. A. Pope, Sep. 18. 263—J. Borthwick, Mar. 31: A. F. Steele, May 30: A. W.
 Davy, July 13. 264—G. E. Huson, Mar. 8: R. Stewart, Apr. 10: H. Handyside,
 June 20: A. Howe, June 23: F. Pierce, Oct. 26: H. W. Kirk, Aug. 25. 265—J. D.
 Findlay, Nov. 11. 267—W. G. Merritt, Jan. 2: E. J. Wateridge, Feb. 6: W. H.
 Clements, Apr. 4: R. C. Wilson, Sep. 18: F. Merrill, Oct. 14. 268—W. L. Hicks,
 July 29: 270—F. J. Lambert, Aug. 2: 271—H. C. Austin, Nov. 16: 272—W.
 Guest, June 9: E. Kernick, Aug. 8: J. F. Findlay, Aug. 14. 277—P. Kane, Aug. 15:
 279—M. C. Black, Aug. 282—J. M. Graham, May 24. 283—J. Fenn, Jan. 26.
 284—T. Angus, June 18: S. H. Jackson, Jan. 5. 285—W. J. McLean, May 19:
 W. Armstrong, Aug. 24: D. A. Lee, Dec. 14. 286—H. E. W. Tamlyn, Jan. 18.
 287—H. M. Ward, Mar. G. W. Brown, May 27: T. H. Fisher, June 2: W. W. Brown,
 June 10. 289—J. Currie, May 11. 290—C. H. Quick, Oct. 13: G. Malott, Dec. 5.
 295—W. H. Richards, Feb. 8: W. P. Cunningham, Mar. 1. 296—F. Crawford,
 Jr., Apr. 6: J. Madill, Apr. 29: P. H. Wismer, July 5: S. K. Watt, Sep. 3: H. P.
 Nicholson, Nov. 24. 297—H. Caldwell, June 5: G. Hill, Aug. 15: F. Bittman,
 Sep. 12. 299—R. Shannon, Jan. 3: W. H. Aylesworth, Sep. 23. 300—G. T. Hobbs
 Apr. 13. 302—M. H. McLachlin, May 7: L. D. Cloes, Aug. 25. 303—J. Mc-
 Millan, Jan. 23: W. L. Ouinette, Feb. 14: S. H. Gidley, Oct. 22. 304—J. S. Leonard
 Oct. 15. 305—G. M. Lyons, Sep. 28. 307—P. Graham, Sep. 19. 311—H. Gour-
 lay, Apr. 16: J. W. Stump, Oct. 13. 312—F. W. Catzke, May 20: J. W. Husband,
 Oct. 21: I. Arnold, Nov. 19. 313—J. Edwards, Apr. 16. 314—J. A. Freeland,
 Nov. 10. 315—P. Brown, July 23. 316—H. B. Latimer, Apr. 16. 318—J.
 Foster, Jan. 9. 319—G. O. Eastbury, July 12: J. W. Schwyer, Sep. 12. 321—
 J. Shaw, June 1. 322—S. Buchanan, Apr. 12. 323—W. Ellis, Feb. 4. 324—
 J. A. Griffin, Jan. 6: W. K. Harvey, Feb. 2: W. J. Mountjoy, Mar. 25: D. A. Ded-
 well, Sr., Apr. 19: W. Bremner, Apr. 29: A. Powis, May 20: E. W. B. Morrison,
 May 28: G. S. Kerr, Sep. 9. 325—G. R. Clare, Feb. 25. 326—P. Campbell,
 Jan. 9: C. E. Maguire, Feb. 28: A. L. Malone, Aug. 5: W. J. Elliott, Nov. 16: W.
 H. Apted, Nov. 22: H. G. Cook, Dec. 7. 327—J. Heath, Sr., Oct. 12: H. A. T.
 Thomas, Dec. 328—G. J. Dowding, May 10. 329—J. Dunbar, July 7: W. Par-
 son, Aug. 12. 330—W. O. Randolph, Mar. J. C. Ingram, June 3: T. D. Mc-
 Mullen, Oct. 2. 332—R. T. Buchanan, Sep. 2: J. E. Harding, Mar.: W. Law-
 rence, July 18. 333—G. A. Watson, Jan. 11: W. J. Guy, Apr. 25: I. H. Perigo,
 Jan. 19: J. Blackburn, May 19. 336—J. A. Taylor, Feb. 2. 337—J. H. Robins,
 May 11. 339—C. E. O'Brien, Mar. 9: J. W. Johnston, Mar. 28: S. R. Campbell,
 June 23: S. Vance, June 23: J. C. Graham, June 19: G. H. Briggs, July 30: C. A. J.
 Farguhar, Aug. 30: H. Scholey, July 3: W. T. Stewart, Sep. 13: W. S. Carruthers,
 Nov. 27: C. A. Taylor, July, 1924. 343—L. G. Beebe, Apr. 5: R. A. Stephens,
 Apr. 7: J. T. V. May, Oct. 20: J. S. Brownell, Sep. 27. 345—A. Brooks, Jan. 4:
 T. P. Brown, Oct. 11. 346—P. Rosenberg, Feb. 1: J. Gourley, Apr. 4: W. G.
 Newby, May 4: J. Milne, July 2: G. Williams, Aug. 2: T. Barber, Aug. 8: W. G.
 Bustard, Sept. 3: S. Nesbitt, Oct. 1924: F. Prince, Dec. 19. 347—D. Rea, July 2.
 352—J. Stewart, Mar. 6: W. H. Hoppins, Mar. 19: J. H. Monteith, May 18:
 W. D. Auldjo, Aug. 26: W. McGown, Dec. 7: S. A. Foote, Dec. 16. 357—F. W.
 Haltorf, Jan. 10, 1919. 359—A. Hutchinson, Oct. 23: M. Thorborn, Dec. 6.
 360—D. E. Bastedo, Nov. 30. 361—J. Mitchell, Apr. 23: J. H. McNally, July 18:
 W. H. Lowry, Nov. 23. 367—A. Nelson, Oct. 2. 368—D. A. Cummings, June
 20: S. W. Connerty, Nov. 18: L. V. McVeigh, Aug. 20. 369—H. G. Hicks, Mar. 2:
 370—J. Coon, July 1: E. V. Halladay, Nov. 18. 371—W. J. Archer, Mar. 19:
 H. G. Letch, May 7: C. T. Ballantyne, June 10. 372—F. P. Oakes, Apr. 25: J. A.
 Bond, Oct. 21. 373—G. Pearson, May 3: J. H. Herdman, July 27: H. D. Robins,
 Oct. 26. 378—D. T. Pinkney, Aug. 22: W. J. Wilson, Nov. 21: W. Pudney, Sep.

25. 379—E. A. Coleman, May 30. 380—G. Rutherford, May 16: D. J. Patterson, Mar. 15: R. Lucas, Sr. July 19: T. Chrysler, Aug. 17. 382—C. M. Murphy, Jan. 23: R. G. Olstead, Feb. 17: J. Schutty, Mar. 22: W. C. Langhorn, Apr. 15: H. C. Pepper, Oct. 5: J. S. Sheppard, Dec. 29. 383—J. Dixon, Apr. 19. 384—G. Black, Jan. 22: C. Porter, Feb. 5: S. Carson, Jan. 20: E. A. Cochrane, Mar. 22: S. Walters, Oct. 6: W. Anderson, July 15: H. R. H. Watson, Nov. 19. 385—A. Ferguson, Mar. 4. 386—A. C. McColl, Jan. 9: A. McPherson, Sep. 14: A. D. McColl, Feb. 387—J. A. Bradley, July 27. 388—B. Robson, Jan. 23: C. H. Duplan, Jan. 23: A. B. Kennedy, May 30: P. Bowey, Oct. 20. 389—H. R. Carter, Mar. 13: G. M. Wilkins, July 19. 391—E. R. Betts, Mar. 23: F. W. Eansor, May 1: F. C. Rickard, June 4: A. J. Hitch, Sep. 13: L. Galbraith, Dec. 1: J. T. Sales, Dec. 26. 392—J. G. Crawford, Oct. 5: W. McRoberts, Dec. 20. 393—W. J. Fortune, Mar. 26. 394—T. Abbott, Apr. 6: G. R. Mills, July 23: J. Oliver, Nov. 2: A. G. Sutherland, Dec. 16. 395—C. G. Beattie, May 23. 396—A. Chisholm, June 3: J. W. McKinney, Oct. 11: R. A. Watt, Dec. 19. 398—J. Rusland, July 13. 399—H. W. Yorke, Sep. 14. 400—W. O. Joyce, Apr. 14. 401—J. G. Johnston, May 18. 402—F. B. Geddes, May 11: C. I. Boyd, Feb. 24. 403—A. McNee, Mar. 26: N. A. Love, May 23: F. W. Marshall, July 13: G. C. Haugh, Aug. 3: C. H. Walters, Sr., Nov. 13. 404—L. Deline, Feb. 1: E. S. Kennedy, July 29: P. Brown, Oct. 17. 405—R. R. Dickson, Apr. 15. 406—T. Robson, Nov. 20: A. S. Hart, May 22. 408—G. Douglas, Nov. 30. 410—F. W. Fanner, Dec. 27: 1924: W. F. Singer, May 8: G. A. Good, June 3: W. H. Reid, July 20: T. W. D. Cruttenden, Nov. 21. 412—G. L. Ramsay, Jan. 9: T. S. Durham, Mar. 11: W. H. King, June 22: C. B. Smith, July 4: T. Fraser, July 16: R. A. Craighton, Oct. 18. 413—W. M. Graham, Oct. 13: W. Sloan, Dec. 21. 414—E. V. Goddard, June 1: E. Dawson, June 20: A. E. McAmmond, Dec. 19. 415—A. Sellers, Feb. 11: W. A. McKay, May 8. 416—T. F. Dodwell, Apr. 20. 417—S. C. Sweet, Apr. 18: R. A. Mather, Oct. 17. 418—H. A. McIntyre, Nov. 12. 419—B. F. George, Apr. 18: A. N. Hayes, Mar. 28. 420—R. H. Rorabeck, Mar. 1: G. Pask, June 1: J. Gooding, Dec. 21. 421—W. R. Scott, Jan. 17: G. H. Hunt, Jan. 8: R. H. Craig, June 21: J. J. Reith, July 20. 423—J. Clemmens, Oct. 10. 424—J. Found, Jan. 11: A. Annan, Aug. 21. 425—R. A. Stokes, June 20: H. Doan, Oct. 21. 426—F. C. Priestland, Dec. 31, 1924: T. Ferguson, Jan. 24: T. Prince, Mar. 25: G. Henderson, Apr. 1: A. Fraser, May 17: W. F. Heintzman, June 14: E. J. C. Walden, June 21: A. Cowie, Oct. 20: R. Gourlay, Sep. 24: A. Stanfield, July 31. 427—J. White, Apr. 2: G. P. Jones, Mar. 22: A. T. Darby, May 19. 430—C. D. Lloyd, Feb. 25: S. Thoms, Mar. 21: E. Toms, Mar. 19. 431—J. Dougan, Nov. 27. 434—G. A. Thurston, May 5. 437—J. M. Oatman, Dec. 27: 1924: S. Burley, Nov. 1: F. G. Newton, Nov. 22: J. S. Johnston, Aug. 24. 438—L. Wheeler, Feb. 28: J. R. Mofatt, Mar. 26: W. A. Gates, May 20: F. W. Schwartz, June 27: T. Barber, Aug. 8: J. J. Woods, Oct. 4: R. Fair, Nov. 6: J. W. Henderson, Nov. 13: W. H. Dawson, Dec. 3. 440—J. A. Ford, Aug. 23. 441—N. O. Kilpatrick, Sep. 7. 442—W. L. Nicholls, Sep. 28. 444—N. Lawrence, Oct. 7. 445—A. E. McAmmond, Dec. 19. 446—H. A. Pratt-Pierce, July 13. 448—E. L. Smith, Dec. 31, 1924. 449—W. A. Ross, Sep. 19. 450—F. L. Brinkman, Feb. 15. 451—J. T. Henderson, May 30: G. S. Schell, Aug. 12. 453—G. J. Leadbetter, Mar. 13: J. McDonald, Aug. 15. 454—R. Z. Smith, June 9. 459—W. N. Murdock, July 17. 462—A. Perrin, Sep. 29: E. M. Allen, Dec. 30. 464—R. A. Purvis, Dec. 28: 1924: S. C. St. John, Mar. 30: F. J. Miller, Aug. 24. 465—W. Richardson, Apr. 7: J. Argue, Oct. 4. 466—J. Scott, May 30. 468—E. G. Perry, Mar. 9: D. McCallum, May 24: W. Dunn, June 19. 469—R. J. Agnew, Apr. 4: W. L. Nichols, Sep. 28. 470—E. C. Wardell, Aug. 23. 471—J. G. McIntosh, May 12: C. W. Weinburner, Apr. 30: W. D. Baine, Dec. 21. 473—R. V. Clarbroun, Jan. 5: F. Stennett, Feb. 1: J. K. Patton, Feb. 12: J. J. Dashwood, May 13: A. E. Peters, May 20: I. E. Hutcheon, May 28: J. E. Austen, Aug. 5: T. Barber, Aug. 8: J. McCurran, Aug. 23. 474—J. F. Miller, June 6: W. Grundy, May 7: G. C. Flintoff, Aug. 23. 475—J. A. Memory, Jan. 13: W. W. Shedden, July 13. 479—A. E. Good, July 6: J. W. Hume, Feb. 14. 480—J. E. Dawson, Mar. 3: S. H. Price, May 11. 481—A. Trenwith, Apr. 2: F. B. Canfield, July 26. 482—W. J. Douglas, Nov. 30: R. E. Payne, July 1: J. A. McArthur, Oct. 26. 485—G. N. Hoppins, June 27: I. Keen, Nov. 22. 486—F. T. Douglas, Nov. 2: R. C. Floyd, Dec. 7: G. D. Johnson, Dec. 8. 488—C. T. Boyd, Feb. 25: R. Wright, Aug. 10. 493—H. J. Crozier, Apr. 12: W. M. Fraser, May 10: A. Carmen, Jan. 25. 494—C. A. J. Farquhar, Aug. 21: R. A. Wilson, Oct. 20: J. Jones, Nov. 5: W. E. Cornwall, Dec. 30: A. H. Irvine, Aug. 7: H. R. Gibbon, Oct. 14. 495—W. J. Hallett, May 6: W. Birrell, Feb. 15: H. S. Diamond, May 17: W. Barnes, Dec. 15: H. Marshall, Dec. 27: E. N. Place, Sep. 4. 499—R. Barclay, Apr. 19: H. A. Pitts, Aug. 22: H. S. Penfold, Nov. 23. 501—J. Gourlay, Apr. 4: G. R. Gauld, July 6. 502—B. Gove, Dec. 11. 504—J. Duffield, Dec. 5. 506—R. T. Regnell, Mar. 18. 507—J. E. Wilson, Nov. 30. 508—L. Harris, Sept. 27. 510—F. A. MacDougall's Apr. 23: H. Hicks, Mar. 2: J. Aston, Dec. 23: R. A. Watt, Dec. 18. 511—T. Robinson, Jan. 10: F. Nagle, Apr. 24. 513—W. J. Thresher, Jan. 1: J. W. Bousfield, Jan. 17: S. J. Hilton, Apr. 28: A. J. Orr, Oct. 6. 514—R. R. McKellar, June 16: J. R. Calladine, Nov. 3: R. J. Gregory, Oct. 2. 516—J. T. Valliant, Nov. 10. 517—B. H. Grant, Oct. 2. 518—H. W. Kirk, Aug.

25. 519—D. T. Thomson, May 11. 520—J. T. Andrew, Oct. 8. 521—F. Prince, Jan. 29: C. Threapleton, July 9: F. W. Dewar, Aug. 21. 523—J. B. Mann, Sep. 25. 525—H. C. Carter, May 9. 526—W. H. Macfarland, May 5: A. S. Richardson, Dec. 15. 531—A. E. Harding, Feb. 21: T. Morton, Feb. 25: C. A. Brown, Nov. 8: N. Duperow, Aug. 3. 532—C. McFarlane, Sep. 14: J. Bennett, Nov. 17: C. H. G. Farquhar, Aug. 20. 533—H. Waller, July 110 H. Blencoe, Aug. 15: G. Thomson, Sep. 28. 534—J. S. Price, Apr. 14. 537—W. L. Bell, Nov. 20. 539—J. T. Hancock, Feb. 21: F. E. Curwin, June 3. 540—W. P. Begley, Feb. 26. 541—W. Gillies, Nov. 12. 543—G. A. Campbell, Oct. 19: F. G. Lee, Oct. 23. 545—J. McCurrah, Aug. 23: J. Russell, Dec. 14. 546—P. H. Cain, Apr. 19. 547—J. H. Fussell, (No date). 551—G. R. Lee, Feb. 11: W. Madden, Aug. 3. 552—A. N. Miller, June 22: C. H. G. Farquhar, Aug. 20: J. A. Graham, Oct. 12. 553—E. C. Brownlee, Jr., Feb. 26: A. B. Cox, May 15. 554—F. Prince, Jan. 29: F. E. Vollung, Jan. 27. 555—W. J. Hallett, Feb. 6. 556—A. B. Lawrence, Dec. 28. 558—J. E. Leask, Dec. 11: J. S. Gamble, Jan. 31: W. H. Donaldson, Mar. 8. 559—T. Barber, Aug. 8. 560—C. R. Gordon, May 7. 562—W. H. Hallett, Feb. 6. 564—W. J. Robertson, Jan. 1: J. E. Askwith, Oct. 7. 565—C. W. Trueman, Oct. 16: D. W. Bates, Nov. 20: M. A. Creasey, Dec. 18. 566—J. F. Miller, June 6: J. Gregory, Mar. 14. 567—J. McCurrah, Aug. 23. 570—W. R. Scott, Jan. 17: W. G. Perry, June 22: T. Barber, Aug. 8. 571—J. W. Chambers, Mar. 23. 572—J. A. McIntosh, May 26: F. Cornell, July 6. 573—K. Cassell, Oct. 16. 574—J. D. L. Drummond, May 24. 575—W. H. Warum, Mar. 3. 577—J. G. Waterfield, Feb. 21: J. L. McLean, Mar. 18. 578—W. Hoover, May 19. 580—S. F. Real, Aug. 14: A. H. Burrows, Nov. 10. 583—W. Grundy, May 7. 585—J. H. Birkett, May 21: F. S. Evanson, Dec. 29. 586—H. W. W. Figg, Mar. 13: J. Hall, July 14. 587—G. H. Marshall, Aug. 5: M. R. Muir, Dec. 10. 591—G. Campbell, Oct. 593—G. E. Stayzer, Feb. 14: J. Dearness, May 10: J. S. Dodds, Nov. 19: P. F. Lalond, Aug. 25. 594—W. Culver, May 18. 595—W. J. Archer, Mar. 19: P. A. Connelly, Mar. 27. 597—A. E. Vincent, Mar. 3. 598—J. R. Bain, Feb. 11. 601—R. F. Browning, Feb. 10. 604—F. B. B. Patten, Feb. 8. 605—R. Morton, Feb. 25. 608—J. W. Anderson, Mar. 15: W. T. Bowes, Oct. 19. 609—F. Krug, Feb. 29. 610—G. S. Irwin, Apr. 5. 612—J. Russell, Dec. 14. 613—F. F. Cobb, June 13. 618—J. S. Merrill, Aug. 4. 620—J. G. Hampton, May 29: K. S. White, Aug. 4. 625—W. W. Brown, June 16. 629—W. P. Cunningham, Feb. 26.

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2—J. Laughton. 5—F. E. Neely, A. Tomlinson. 7—J. S. Cook. 9—W. C. Denison, W. M. Cambridge. 11—J. Thompson, J. W. Thompson, R. M. Mitchell. 16—D. McIntosh. 17—G. P. Goodhew. 18—E. Shaw, H. E. Ellis, W. S. Cooper. 26—N. E. Jennings, G. C. V. Hewson. 27—A. E. Ross. 31—H. M. Yanson, A. R. Trull, E. B. Trull, A. J. Gay. 32—J. Dean, B. M. Haney, J. D. Scott. 33—T. Pritchard. 35—R. H. Green, C. W. T. McBurney. 38—N. M. Sweet, T. F. Rixon. 43—C. H. Friend, I. Persvoskey, W. A. Frain, C. Haggerty. 47—W. L. Eves, J. D. McKenzie, T. H. Warren, A. H. Harper. 48—W. Goodchild. 52—W. W. Riddell. 61—W. G. Boyd, G. W. Brabout, W. A. Inwood. 65—T. C. Morrison, E. F. L. McGarvey. 69—G. A. Kennedy. 73—S. J. Shanks. 75—N. W. Humphreys, G. E. Laing, J. H. Kirkwood. 76—H. A. Abell, M. H. Leggett, J. H. Nasmith, F. C. Trant, Jr., R. E. Childs, C. N. Lanaway. 88—C. H. McLean, J. Hall. 90—D. A. Currie. 91—S. Seeds, J. Barlett, T. Yarrow, A. Peebles, J. Cowie, D. D. Mallory, R. Chatterson, D. Rutherford. 97—F. L. VanNorman. A. J. Doan, G. S. McDonald. 98—E. G. Hanna, J. M. Gardhouse. 104—H. Stewart. 105—C. K. Knight, T. L. McArtney. 108—T. Hewitt. 118—N. L. Curtis, A. Edwards. 123—J. E. Ketcheson, A. C. McFee, C. W. Vandervoort, W. H. Hanfley, G. M. Ponton. 127—L. C. McColl. 131—A. F. Colvin. 141—C. M. French. 144—J. D. McCrimmon, L. E. Ireland, G. T. Pettigrew, C. E. Stevenson. 145—W. E. Dean. 154—G. A. Stanley. 155—W. G. Howden. 159—H. Hill. 151—J. O. Grieve, W. M. Cadling, C. W. Macklin. 168—W. S. Higginson. 172—J. G. Banks. 174—H. L. Clemens, W. O. Franklin. 181—F. W. Fay, G. F. MacDiarmid. 184—F. J. McLennan. 186—A. E. James, A. M. Johnston. 192—R. Strathearn, R. P. Knowles. 193—R. A. Robertson. 194—W. H. Rickards. 197—M. Kauffman. 203—A. Runge. 209A—W. L. Prine, W. Shipman, F. C. Hodges. 209—A. Downing. 215—S. B. Russell. 217—E. Armour. 218—T. K. Sanderson. 219—W. H. Foster, J. M. Prentice. 220—W. L. Ianison. 222—F. Platto. 223—J. J. Wade, J. A. Harper. 225—T. J. Sheppard. 231—W. W. Boucher. 238—N. B. Hill. 243—M. A. Oles, A. Ironside. 249—E. F. Jamieson, J. L. Ferrier. 254—J. R. Cuthbertson. 257—E. O. Fuce, A. C. MacAuley. 260—F. Arderley. 262—W. S. Whaley. 264—J. J. MacKenze, W. B. Kelley, A. P. McCuaig, A. C. Budd, R. O. Dawson. 268—E. Irwin, J. A. Anderson, R. R. Robertson. 272—E. Taylor. 277—J. M. A. Waugh. 282—M. C. Elliott. 283—R. V. Carr, R. A. Carman. 284—J. H. Cameron. 285—C. B. Levy, H. W. McGill. 289—E. E. Fincombe. 297—R. W. Russ, E. J. Russ. 302—H. Jones. 303—J. Montgomery, G. Hickingbottom. 312—P. E. Shambleau. 315—R. Wenger, C. F. Schultz. 316—G. A. Stewart. 323—D. D. Campbell. 327—E. R. Milner, E. Connelly. 329—A.

Jones. 331—H. Collins, W. S. Brears. 336—H. Goldie. 339—E. T. Sandell
 A. A. Kenniger, W. M. Hay, W. C. Elliott. 343—J. Lutz, J. F. Seybret. 346—
 A. J. Raynor, J. DeShane, J. Lille, H. White. 352—A. Durrell, J. D. Foster, F. O.
 Maguire, T. R. Hill, R. A. Grigg. 354—J. D. Acton. 358—S. Lewis. 360—
 A. H. Hawker. 367—G. F. Burrell, J. McLachlan, J. O. Chester, S. C. Moore.
 369—W. Osterman. 370—J. Coon. 377—T. H. Rutledge, J. Doan. 378—J.
 Robinson, C. J. Nicholls, W. N. Spence, J. Yeo. 380—D. L. Storey, L. H. Doug-
 lass, C. R. Ayars. 382—T. C. Woolams. 385—W. Evans. 391—L. B. Tape
 392—M. I. Trusler. 394—E. J. Hoskin. 400—A. A. Busby. 403—A. H.
 Hunt, W. Dix, C. R. McKee, W. J. Fletcher, W. M. Scott, R. C. Wickens, H. S.
 Fry, K. R. Fogal, W. A. Burridge, E. M. Osborn. 410—J. T. Lloyd. 411—W. J.
 Mead. 412—W. J. Lewis, W. S. Leask. 414—A. M. Belfoy, E. Dawson, W. J.
 McQuarrie. 415—W. W. Hemingway, W. Bradley. 419—C. Miners. 425—
 C. H. Smith. 426—J. R. Chisholm. 427—R. Y. Angus, J. E. Tempest. 434—
 D. F. Milloy. 438—F. S. Jackson. 442—W. C. McArthur. 446—C. Russel.
 447—A. J. A. McIntosh. 452—B. C. Reynolds. 453—E. T. P. Goulding. 462—
 G. T. Taylor, F. E. Goddard, N. Evoy, E. Henson. 464—W. McLellan. 470—
 W. S. Redmond. 475—J. M. Race, R. T. Jeffrey, F. V. Wachter. 477—C. H.
 McKee. 479—J. A. S. Fielding, J. B. McVey, H. C. Latimer. 480—W. A.
 Beckstead, 485—W. S. Leask 486—G. F. Morse, A. J. Dawe 494—M. Mul-
 holland, H. H. Armstrong, F. I. Taylor, J. B. Glensk. 495—W. Place, S. Merritt.
 499—J. H. Vernon, J. Logie, W. C. McLean. 500—A. J. Dalton. 406—C. A.
 See. 508—D. W. Mason. 511—A. Burton, T. A. Tees, T. Ainsworth. 514—
 S. W. Windeler, G. E. O'Brien, A. E. L. Hunt. 521—W. H. Cadwell, C. Thompson,
 C. G. Moore, C. Campbell, R. E. Grandy, J. S. Masklyne. 531—R. S. Pegg, A. R.
 Kennedy, J. Lucas. 532—W. Clarkson. 533—E. L. Clark, E. H. Munro, A. B.
 Conger. 534—T. A. Bain. 539—J. H. Engel 541—P. Weise. 552—D. D.
 McLeod, A. Booth. 553—W. J. Abraham. 555—W. R. Shaver. 565—J. Mor-
 rison. 572—D. B. McWilliams, B. W. Meadows. 579—A. Yapp, H. N. Fox,
 D. Vannan. 587—H. Weiland. 593—G. S. McClintock, C. J. Wallace. 606—
 E. F. Spencer.

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R.W. Bro. John S. Martin.....Port Dover

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Brant.....	"	Robt. T. Stillman.....	Brantford
Bruce.....	"	Maxwell S. Armstrong.....	Hanover
Chatham.....	"	John A. McCallum.....	Chatham
Eastern.....	"	Glenn A. Shaver.....	Lunenburg
Frontenac.....	"	Harvey A. Carscallen.....	Enterprise
Georgian.....	"	Chas. G. Kirkpatrick.....	Orillia
Grey.....	"	Albert E. Colgan.....	Markdale
Hamilton A.....	"	James H. Bates.....	Dundas
Hamilton B.....	"	Chester J. Martindale.....	York
London.....	"	Samuel R. Sampson.....	London
Muskoka.....	"	John L. Moore.....	Parry Sound
Niagara.....	"	Sidney J. Wilson.....	Beamsville
Nipissing.....	"	Horace F. Goodfellow.....	Sault Ste. Marie
North Huron.....	"	George Harvey Linklater.....	Teeswater
Ontario.....	"	Frank H. Brown.....	Port Hope
Ottawa.....	"	Jas. A. Ross.....	Ottawa
Peterborough.....	"	Benj. Buchanan.....	Warkworth
Prince Edward.....	"	Francis E. Brown.....	Madoc
Sarnia.....	"	Wm. A. Campbell.....	Strathroy
South Huron.....	"	James A. Myers.....	Mitchell
St. Lawrence.....	"	John A. Derbyshire.....	Brockville
St. Thomas.....	"	Geo. R. Stevenson.....	St. Thomas
Temiskaming.....	"	Ernest J. Mason.....	S. Porcupine
Toronto A.....	"	Harry J. Alexander.....	Weston
Toronto B.....	"	John D. Spence.....	Toronto
Toronto C.....	"	Walter E. Hopkings.....	Toronto
Toronto D.....	"	Thos. A. Carson.....	Toronto
Victoria.....	"	Sidney Johnston.....	Lindsay
Wellington.....	"	Alex. Jaffray.....	Guelph
Wilson.....	"	Joaquin M. Stevens.....	Woodstock
Windsor.....	"	Wm. S. Settingington.....	Leamington

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R.W. Bro. Andrew M. Heron.....Grand Junior Warden.....Toronto

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Rev. Arthur L. Burch.....Toronto

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 " Chas. F. Heebner.....Grand Junior Deacon.....Toronto
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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

Belleville, Ont., July, 1926

PRELUDE

The chronicles of the craft, the facts and factors in another year of service, have been dictated to Time's stenographer, who has recorded and broadcasted not merely the clarion call to action, but also the honored roll of those who, having served that we might share, have passed beyond the veils terrestrial, and who now know what the mission and ministry, the mastery and mystery of Masonry, really mean to all enlightened men of good will to whom the Golden Rule has been Magna Charta and sure guide to safe haven.

I am privileged once more to present to the Brethren a comprehensive summary—a circumspective survey—of the thoughts, transactions and activities of our Sister Sovereign Jurisdictions who with us, through contact, achieve the larger unities, and broaden our devotion without lowering its intensity. In potency—in promise—in performance, we realize together that we have a firm foundation, an authoritative background and a cosmos for the future of immeasurable potentialities, if we think and thank, pray and praise, use and amplify the good, and ungrudgingly contribute to the sum of human happiness, with wisdom, understanding, and largeness of heart, under the Master of Life.

We who write, we who read, these reviews, will gather, I feel sure, that it is our universal desire to draw more closely together in loyalty of understanding and in fellowship of action, that we may make a chain of well-forged links on the anvil, not of weak and watery sentimentality; that our traditions be dynamic, that our working tools be not toys; that one

increasing purpose may run through our age and generation, and that above all we will not "drop the Pilot." So doing, so aspiring, we who have obeyed the command in Numbers XV-38, and have "put upon the fringe of the borders of our garments a ribband of blue," may justly claim to be among those who, thoroughbred here, hope to be thoroughbred there,—God's gentlemen here and in the Grand Lodge above.

I trust that this composite picture of the annual drama of the Craft, this anthology of Masonic lore and of progress, may not be critically deemed to be of tantalizing scrappiness, but may have caught some of the spirit and form of literary digests and reviews of reviews,—a mosaic yet a consistent entity.

And to my colleagues of the lines of communication, the liaison officers, those scholarly breeders of cordial and chivalrous good comradeship and of the kindling fire of life, may you have favoring breezes and smooth sailing as together in spirit, we circumnavigate the Seven Seas which sunder not but bind us.

"Shall we not through good and ill,
Cleave to one another still."

"Where thou lodgest I will lodge, where thou goest I will go, thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

May I, as one of the Elder Brethren in this true North, give this earnest admonition and invocation to all our Master Craftsmen, wheresoever scattered at home and abroad, over lands and seas:—

Keep ye the law, be swift in all obedience,
Clear the land of evil, drive the road and bridge the
ford;

Make ye sure to each his own, that he reap where he
hath sown,

By the peace among our peoples, let men know we
serve the Lord.

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON,
P.G.M.

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13 Georgia.....	1925	47 P. E. Island.....	1925
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19 Louisiana.....	1926	53 South Australia.....	1925
20 Maine.....	1925	53 South Carolina.....	1925
21 Manitoba.....	1925	55 South Dakota.....	1925
22 Maryland.....	1925	56 Tasmania.....	1925
23 Massachusetts.....	1925	57 Tennessee.....	1925
24 Mexico (York).....	1925	58 Texas.....	1925
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ALABAMA

M.W. Brother Duncan C. Carmichael, Grand Master.

We are told in the biography of the Grand Master that he was born in South Carolina of Scotch Presbyterian parents and was one of those who originally located the Masonic Home in Montgomery, and we read this sincere tribute to his virtues:

He is a man of great sterling worth and business ability, distinguished for his solid common sense, fine understanding and good judgment, and loved by all that know him for his kind and tender heart, open-handed generosity and staunchness and loyalty to his friends and principles.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication was held in Montgomery 1st December, 1925.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Ethridge J. Garrison.

440 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master's address was very interesting as the following brief extracts will show:

Our field of endeavor is just as extensive or just as narrow and limited as we care to make it. If we wish to limit its scope so as to conform to the narrow views and small ambitions for human service, then Masonry's field of endeavor becomes small indeed. If, on the other hand, we choose to broaden the avenues of our minds and lay aside some of our pet preconceptions, thus rendering ourselves more receptive to the better human impulses, we can greatly extend the province of our endeavors.

Endeavoring to be good men and good citizens; we should always remember that we wear the badge of Masonry of our own free will and accord.

One is not a Mason at all who regards the fraternity as a privileged circle, and that all outside that circle are fair game for any sort of questionable transaction.

If we practice our principles only between ourselves then there is but little need, use, reason or excuse for our existence, but if we extend these principles to all the world, then we will indeed become a tremendous force for good in the world. Being a Mason of that type is well worth while.

In America we have no government imposed by Divine right, and we make our government in our own image. Even the Constitution which so many are seeking so strenuously to exalt to the position of Divine right is but the wise work of wise men. Our

country, with all that it represents of hope in the world, is now and will continue to be just what we make it.

They are the products of an honest, earnest, tireless effort that goes into the rearing of the family altars and the building of the sacred homes of our great country. Our duty is plain.

Of the Eastern Star and their proper work (in which they do not need male patrons) he says:

We want to again express our appreciation and thanks to our good sisters of the Eastern Star for their co-operation in and at the Home.

Twelve cornerstones were laid in Alabama; there should have been twelve in Canada.

He speaks of the Masonic Home as "this great work" and puts the continuity of responsibility in this graphic form:

Every time you make a Master Mason in Alabama he and his family become potential charges upon the Home. Its capacity is full.

The children are in the formative stage, that time of life when they are being prepared for the issues and responsibilities that must come to them when they become older. These are our children, children of our brethren that we have gathered from the four corners of the state, sponsored by the Subordinate Lodges and are all children of Master Masons.

There are 360 residents in the Home and 15 on the waiting list. All obligations have been met. The Grand Master of Georgia who visited it was delighted with it and especially with the means they were taking to train the children for their future life.

Two of the lodges had trouble. Of one of them it was alleged that the new officers were either bootleggers or moonshiners! The Master was cleared but the charter was arrested.

Another lodge that had been a constant source of trouble to Past Grand Masters and to Grand Lodge had its charter arrested, the brethren being quarrelsome.

He believes in presenting Bibles, saying:

This, of course, is optional with each lodge, and the Bible selected is left to the Lodge; I only want to call attention to this idea of placing in the hands of each new member a copy of the Great Light, that he may in his young Masonic manhood use it as a "Light unto his pathway and a guide unto his feet."

Among his recommendations were the following and the matter was afterwards taken up and commented upon by the Jurisprudence Committee:

It is my judgment that the clause in the Master's obligation relative to keeping the secrets of a brother, commonly termed "on the square", was meant as a shield, and not as a dagger to stick another in the back. Its purpose is to afford a brother in distress about his own, or his family's affairs, an opportunity to get the aid and advice of a brother in whom he places confidence about the proper handling of those affairs, with an assurance that the information will go no further, and that because of the communication of these secrets the communicating brother will not be embarrassed in the future. Feeling that this matter has been greatly misunderstood, or greatly abused, I recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Lodge be instructed to prepare a resolution properly defining the use to which this part of the obligation may be put.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported on this in the following words:

Our obligation as Master Masons to obey the Constitution, resolutions and edicts of the Grand Lodge is just as binding on us as any other part of our obligation. The various sections of the Master Mason obligation must be construed together and when so construed it seems plain to your committee that no brother has the right to use the obligation of the Master Mason degree to impose on another brother secrets, which would require the brother receiving the information to violate the plain directions of the section of the Constitution above set out.

It is the opinion of your committee that the obligation referred to was intended as a guarantee to every Master Mason that the things pertaining to himself and family on which he desired to obtain the advice, or assistance, of a brother Master Mason, would not, when so received be divulged to his later shame or embarrassment.

One of the lodges having refused to pay a California lodge for sickness and burial expenses of a dead Alabama brother in California, Grand Lodge assumed the debt and will collect from the constituent lodge. It is an embarrassing situation from which we in Canada have sometimes suffered. Every care should be taken when we pay the last rites and assume the expense of burying a brother from another Jurisdiction, to see that while done decently and in order, the expenses incurred are not excessive.

We are not booming the ladies of the Eastern Star, but it is only fair to point out their close co-operative position in regard to Alabama and other southern Jurisdictions and also to present the point of view of the Eastern Star itself. Why cannot they be induced to drop the masculine Master Mason adjuncts and run their own show, thus winning the respect of all, avoiding interference with a "good standing" with which they have nothing to do and to which secretaries should not be permitted to certify, and do infinitely better work as an independent organization. Ability and philanthropy they have in abundance. In any event the Grand Lodge of Alabama was called from labour to refreshment to receive the Grand Matron of their "Grand Chapter" and the Grand Matron thus addressed Grand Lodge:

This is an honor I deeply appreciate and a compliment your Grand Master has bestowed upon me, in presenting me to this Grand Body of Brother Masons and Masonic friends.

I call you friends, because you have ever been ready to help build up, and establish the teachings of our beautiful Order, and in so doing *fulfilling your own Masonic obligation*.

It is said Masonry began with the building of Solomon's Temple, but I am sure it began with the foundation of the world. After centuries had passed Robert Morris was born and grew to manhood, and his great and generous mind conceived that fraternalism in its sublimity *needed mating*.

From the relationship of father, son, husband, and brother of the Masonic Order, there was the need of such contrasting fraternalism, as the mother, the sister, the wife, the daughter and the widow of the Eastern Star. Everything in life demands its fulfillment—in Art, in Music, in Science, in Humanity.

I saw before me, speaking abstractly, nearly eighteen thousand Eastern Stars with this message on their lips for you and for me—"I will do my part."

"Continue ye in well-doing."

The Masonic Order and the Eastern Star Order are achieving success because our minds and hearts are based on one grand theme, and that is "charity, and continuance in good deeds."

She concluded by reciting Longfellow's "The Builders" and also his

"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"

The Most Excellent the Grand High Priest of Alabama addressed Grand Lodge interestingly and eloquently.

A long resolution was passed regarding Italy, of which the following are two of the clauses:

Whereas Italy had for a number of years enjoyed religious and civil liberty by virtue of the efforts of Garibaldi and his band of devoted Masonic brethren.

Together as Masons, we condemn as anarchistic and intolerant the attitude of the Government of Mussolini, and call upon all true and loyal Masons in this great free Government of ours to aid and assist our Brethren of Italy to restore to the citizens of Italy their personal, Masonic rights.

Brother Fred Wall, Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, presented a brief report. He quotes approvingly from the remarks of our Grand Master Drope regarding Masonic offences and also as to boastful comment on numbers only. He also strikes a note of warning as to mixed Masonic funerals.

Under Louisiana our colleague says:

A great number of the Grand Lodges have taken up the question of an increase in the annual dues of the lodges, and in this we think they are moving in the right lines.

Under North Carolina the whole of the Mexican situation is fully reviewed and many pages of closely printed text, put the brethren in touch with the situation, the summing up of which North Carolina says is as follows and this apparently is approved by Alabama:

Summing up, it is apparent that no union is now probable. There is one Grand Lodge with the better of the argument as to legitimacy, composed of Americans and English-speaking Masons very largely, consisting of about fifteen lodges and approximately 900 members, with English, a foreign language, adopted as official which is recognized generally. There is another, the Valle de Mexico, with a cloud over its legitimacy, but now recognized by North Carolina, and a few of the other states, which is composed of Mexicans and not perhaps more than half as many members as the York body. If left to themselves, these have proved their ability.

Bro. Edwin Markham of California was nominated by Oregon as Poet Laureate of Masonry. He would be worthy.

Under West Virginia our reviewer says:

The Master Mason catechism is regularly taught in 49 lodges. Grand Lecturer Coffman has the right idea. He says:

Without such instruction Freemasonry will become lifeless; her ideals will be discarded; her lodges will become inspid social clubs to enter into a losing competition with cheap and purposeless organizations.

Membership 53,990. Net gain 1,621.

R.W. Bro. Frederick J. Skinner of Gananoque, represents Alabama.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Montgomery, 30th November, 1926.

Oliver Day Street, Guntersville, Grand Master.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA

M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid, Grand Master.

A Special Communication was held at Banff to lay the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple there.

We quote two paragraphs of the report:

The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Following the laying of the cornerstone, brief addresses were delivered by the acting Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Master to the brethren and citizens assembled, in which congratulations and best wishes were extended to the brethren of Cascade Lodge, followed by remarks appropriate to the occasion.

The Twentieth Annual Communication was held in Edmonton June 10th, 1925. Nine Past Grand Masters were present and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor with his usual fidelity, represented Canada.

M.W. Bro. Thornton, P.G.M. of Manitoba was accorded Grand Honors.

Of the address of welcome it is said:

The Grand Director of Ceremonies introduced His Lordship Bishop Gray of Edmonton, who, on behalf of the brethren and citizens of the City of Edmonton, welcomed the Grand Lodge dele-

gates and referred in an eloquent manner to the important place which Masonry occupies throughout the various nations of the world at the present time.

His timely words were enthusiastically received by the brethren.

From the Grand Master's address we might take many extracts but must content ourselves with the following:

My observations lead me to believe that an idea is prevalent amongst a percentage of our membership that Masonry should, in some way, make an effort to demonstrate to the public at large, our strength as an organized body. Several suggestions have been made in this regard, the import of which would imply that whether this might be for the benefit of the craft or not it could undoubtedly be made far reaching in its effect. If I am correct in my deductions it might be taken as an indication that the craft in this jurisdiction is in a receptive mood and would welcome an opportunity to promote something that would be of great value to our members and the lodges in the strengthening of a structure that is now set on a solid foundation. I believe that our committee on research and education can and will supply the most acceptable material for this purpose.

He records a unique incident in being present at a joint installation when R.W. Bro. Flavin installed his two sons, one as W.M. of Acacia Lodge and one as W.M. of Commercial Lodge, a happy occasion from both a parental and filial point of view.

Of Rituals the Grand Master says:

It has been drawn to my attention on several occasions that books designated as copies of the "Work" are offered for sale in book stores and are being purchased by any who may desire them. Those who are guilty of commercializing Masonry in this way are contemptible Masons and are not worthy of membership in the Order. There is not a member, no matter how uninformed he may be, who can plead ignorance of what is right in dealing with this question. It is the duty of every brother into whose possession any such book may come, to immediately hand the same to the W.M. of his lodge, who in turn should forward it to the Grand Secretary.

With regard to publicity he thus writes:

I must here make reference to the reports of many of our District Meetings which appeared, with entirely too much detail, in the public press. Those concerned with the publishing of newspapers are in no way to blame but I fear that some of our own members are totally lacking in respect to what is Masonic practice in the giving out of information which is for the members of the Craft alone and in which others cannot possibly be interested.

Apparently incorporation of lodges appears to prevail in Alberta. This we cannot in Ontario understand. No less than three lodges were last year incorporated. Surely the Craft should not be commercialized. Surely the good old sovereign jurisdiction of Grand Lodge and the unit constituent lodge should not be impaired or tampered with. Masonry is an Association of closely united men—an organism not an organization.

As to promiscuous circular letters and chain prayers he says:

One of our lodges this year, unintentionally, and purely out of the zeal they held for the good cause which they undertook to sponsor, compiled a petition and mailed it to each lodge in this jurisdiction asking for the endorsement of a resolution which would affect the Craft as a body in this province, a procedure which could easily lead to considerable embarrassment.

It is most surprising to find that we have among our members a few who although calling themselves Freemasons and therefore enlightened, allow their minds to become sufficiently clouded as to fall a prey to superstitious magic.

From his rulings we take the following:

May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Ans. No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least one degree.

Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Ans. Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation.

Forty-five Dispensations were issued to lodges to attend Divine Service and five Dispensations to receive and act upon petitions of candidates with physical defects with regard to which latter the G.M. says:

In each of these cases special consideration was given to the nature of the disability in regard to the candidate's ability to conform with our usages and his competence in supporting himself and those dependent on him.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Red Deer Lodge was duly celebrated.

We quote the G.M.'s conclusion in full:

We are all agreed upon the question of the kind of institution to which we are privileged to belong. Let us endeavour to keep it so by not allowing it to be used for the protection of those who do wrong or to promote the welfare of one who is not entitled to it. Freemasonry is performing a great service in welding men together and teaching them ideals of a great common brotherhood and if we, by our efforts, can strengthen these bonds, we will have fulfilled that duty which is required of us. While we continue to do this there is no power on earth that can undermine our Fraternity.

1200 copies of the Proceedings were printed and distributed.

Four charters were granted to new lodges and nine Dispensations for Lodges U.D. were issued during the year.

Total membership 12,350, net increase 370.

The clear report of the Grand Secretary M.W. Bro.

S. Y. Taylor in speaking of his review as Custodian of the Work, says:

Valuable, however, as this undoubtedly is, we must not lose sight of the fact that this is only a means to an end. The ritual itself, after all, is but the shadow of the cohesive mass of fundamental truths embraced in Masonic teaching, and to say that a lodge is proficient merely because it has mastered its language, is to substitute the shadow for the substance and the forms and ceremonies for the truths. We must obtain ritual interpretation as well as ritual instruction. We must learn the true significance of the Masonic ritual in its relations to business life, to home life, to everyday intercourse and to social obligations. Masonic instruction does not imply only a delving into Masonic symbolism or research into Masonic antiquities. It means an effort to induce Masons to view in their true light the esoteric principles of our Order and to indicate the application of these principles in our daily intercourse with the world at large. The real Mason is he who practises out of the lodge those virtues inculcated in it. The practical application then, is the ultimate end and aim of all Masonic study.

The Grand Librarian has formed a circulating library and with regard to lodge libraries well says:

We have had frequent communications from the secretaries of lodges, inquiring as to the best selections of Masonic works, where they may be purchased and their probable cost. Several lodges have, during the present year, secured copies of the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge from the date of its formation up to the present time and have had the same bound for library use. A considerable number have purchased additional books and now have a very creditable library. Two of our lodges have presented to Grand

Lodge bound copies of their history since their formation as a lodge. For these and other reasons, we are led to conclude that our lodges are taking an increasing interest in the intellectual side of Freemasonry and are making an honest effort to become better informed as to the history, purposes and aims of our institution.

R.W. Bro. Carruthers in his report on the Condition of Masonry makes these admonitory comments:

One of the serious problems in the Fraternity today, is to hold the interest of the members we now have, and prevent them from back-sliding. Non-attendance is the first step towards this unfortunate end. While the individual Mason has his duties to perform in this regard, the lodge, in a great many instances, does not fully realize its tremendous responsibilities. In too many instances, the young Mason, after receiving his degree, is left to his own resources.

Let all this work be done, with that distinct deliberation, that the candidate of average intelligence gets every word and every lesson intended. When he has finished his degree, give him a little work to do, place good Masonic literature at his disposal. Your attendance problem, will then be solved. Better men, and better Masons will be the result.

A close survey of this question leads us to believe, that, by the exercise of persistency, tact and discretion, a large percentage of arrears could be collected.

The education of the Craft along Masonic lines is one of the out-standing necessary features in the Masonic life today. Your Committee trust that in the very near future a good Masonic library will be found in every subordinate lodge throughout the jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. Kemmis in his Report on Benevolence says:

In doing this, in assisting to do this, Masonry in the Province of Alberta has more than justified its existence and as the years go by, with increasing numbers, greater responsibilities will be ours and we have no doubt if we fulfil our duties, the Masons of those future years will assuredly fulfil theirs.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead is full of poetry and thought and from it we make the following excerpts:

The Perfect Craftsman reminded men that "Except a kernel of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Therefore your committee sees in the death of beloved and able brethren the sowing of seed which, carefully prepared here, shall produce untold harvests in the larger and higher Tillage.

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."

In the light of common experience we can understand, and remembering that "True friends have no solitary joy or sorrow", we rejoice that it is possible for us to share in sincere sympathy with those between whom and us the bond of union is strengthened by our common sorrow.

"Light lie the turf, good brother, on thy breast,
And tranquil as thy mind was, be thy rest."

An outstanding feature of the meeting was the address of M.W. Bro. Dr. Thornton of Manitoba on "The Great Symbol of the Craft". It is erudite and scholarly and we can only give a slight conception of its depth of thought and research by a few extracts:

Modern Freemasonry is a historic continuation of a great guild of operative masons which attained the height of its power and importance during the Middle Ages.

There are one or two points to be noted about the operative institution. One is that although we have no historic evidence which justifies us in placing the beginnings of its existence earlier than the period already named, say the close of the tenth century, there are many circumstances which justify the belief that some undercurrent connected it with similar institutions existing centuries earlier in ancient Rome and Phoenicia.

Our symbols are of two classes:—

- (1) Operative, such as the square, level, plumb-rule, and
- (2) Speculative, those due to a religious philosophy such as triangles, crosses, circles and so on.

Of all the symbols in common use, those with which we are most familiar are the letters of the alphabet and so familiar are we with these that we seldom stop to think what a wonderful contrivance is spoken and written language. Yet the very shape of every letter we use has a history which carries us back to the beginnings of thought.

I have just stated that most of the letters of the alphabet were in their original form religious symbols and in this respect the letter G is no exception. The square was the emblem of Deity, being particularly the symbol of the Goddess GE—Mother Earth—whose name in Greek is simply this square or gamma with a vowel sound. From this we derive the word Geometry which is Masonry. Among all the ancient nations the square had the same religious significance, and on the pyramids is to be seen a hieroglyphic presentation of an Egyptian king going to lay a foundation stone, holding in his hand the square—the emblem of Deity. Pythagoras refers to the knowledge of the square as the source of all knowledge, and the knowledge of God.

When it was discovered in this forty-seventh proposition that the squares of the two sides were together equal to the square on the third side, the ancient philosophers found a mathematical demonstration of their religious ideas which were thus established as an eternal verity.

No wonder that Pythagoras sacrificed a hecatomb. No wonder that Anderson speaks of this proposition as the foundation of all Masonry. The only wonder is that modern Freemasonry has lost sight of the importance of this symbol.

Our consideration of the subject has brought us back again to the central point of modern Speculative Freemasonry—the knowledge of God—to which all our symbolism points. We seek it in the first degree under the symbolism of Light; we strive to attain it in the second degree as the summit of all knowledge; we learn in the third degree that perfect knowledge is not to be attained on this side of the grave; but everywhere it is taught as the unifying bond of the Craft, cementing us as a common brotherhood with a common Father, even God.

That God, who ever lives and loves,
One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event
To which the whole creation moves.

The address is graphically illustrated and was appreciatively acknowledged.

Then follows an address by another great Masonic educator, Bro. His Honor Judge F. A. Morrison, delivered at a banquet and altogether of a much higher type than the usual after-dinner address. It purports to be a continuation of his address delivered there three years ago and he says:

The whole purpose of that short excursion into past days was to show that Masonry has been faithful in the use of her talents; that her principles have been positive, vitalizing ones, stretching a hand through all years to lay fast hold on each new truth and make it her own; and, finally, to suggest that with a just pride in work already done, we must not fold our hands in placid satisfaction, but find in the problems of today fields of fresh adventure.

The supreme admonition of your faith is that only by shaping your life to Masonic ideals can you win a craftsman's high renown, and clothe yourself in the fullness of her gifts. It was asked of old: Whether is the greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? Whether is the greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? As Masonry answers that question, so shall she live or die.

The rulings of Grand Masters are printed in the Proceedings.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Young represents Alberta with us.

The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood and he acknowledges gratefully the sympathetic assistance of his named Committee.

Under Canada M.W. Bro. Taylor says:

No grants should be made by Grand Lodge unless an equally substantial amount is subscribed by the constituent lodge of which the beneficiary is a member. In this connection, the Board of Benevolence of this Grand Lodge has the following to say:

"A note of warning should be sounded and adequate steps taken by Grand Lodge to cause greater care in selection of petitions for initiations or affiliations, not only with respect to the financial position, but physical and mental conditions, before admitting to membership those who clearly may become a charge upon the benevolence of the constituent lodges and Grand Lodge."

He makes an analysis of our progress and comments upon the Silver Medal presented to old Past Masters of 50 years standing.

Under Virginia R.W. Bro. Crump refers to the most interesting event of the visit of Doric Lodge, Toronto, to Alexandria and gives a full account of the function.

He quotes with much effect the Proceedings of Virginia in connection with the Masonic Home and reprints for us the letter addressed by one of the pupils of the Home and School which we also reproduce:

"Let me say to you and to all Masons of Virginia that the debt of gratitude and appreciation that I owe to the Masonic Home of Virginia grows daily, and is now far greater than I shall ever be able to repay, were I to fall heir to Rockefeller's millions. Next to being a medical missionary I want to be a Mason. The first I have already begun; the second I hope to start being soon."

Who knows but that this young man may become a Paton, a Livingstone, or follow in the wake of some other eminent worker in the service of the Living God? Would not this single accomplishment justify the existence of the Home, and richly compensate us for all our endeavors? The influence of a human life, is immeasured and immeasurable, and I would remind you, my brethren, that we have in these children entrusted to our care, magnificent opportunities for service.

Norman E. Carruthers, Lacombe, M.W. Grand Master.

S. Y. Taylor, Calgary, M.W. Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1924

Sidney Sapp, M.W., Grand Master.

Special Communications were held for laying Cornerstones throughout the State and at Winslow the Grand Lodge was greeted by an address of welcome in which it was said:

Among primitive people a peculiar sacredness is attached to corners, whether of fields, of cities, of fortifications or of buildings.

In the case of buildings, the custom of laying the foundation or cornerstones with impressive ceremonies and placing deposits thereunder has accumulated a wealth of material which excavations among ancient ruins have brought to light. It has been well said that customs remain, but the motives for them change.

Several engravings of Corner-stone layings adorn the volume of Proceedings.

The Forty-second Annual Communication was held in the City of Globe, 12th of February, 1924.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters graced the East.

The address of the Grand Master is a business-like epitome of the transactions of his stewardship which he sums up as follows:

The year has been blessed with a broader vision and a more comprehensive grasp of Masonic Service one to another, and we see our Grand Lodge in active co-operation with the other organizations working for peace and happiness and promoting the welfare of all mankind.

The membership was reported as 5,444, a net gain of 304.

A splendid oration was given by W. Bro. Malott, who is a near relation of a distinguished Canadian Mason in the home city of this reviewer.

As an example of his address on Masonic work let us take the following sentences:

In our ritual, the attention of the candidate is continually directed to the work that he is to perform and the working tools of the order are ever before his eyes to remind us that there is work to do. But with the decline of Operative Masonry there was a change in the nature of the work. The chief similarity between them today is that

"Freemasonry has adapted to life's problems the unchangeable moral principles handed down by Operative Masonry."

It is for every individual Mason to discover the secret of Masonry by reflection upon its symbols and a wise consideration and analysis of what is done in the work.

There is no Correspondence Report.

Otis J. Baughn, Phoenix, Grand Master.

George J. Roskrige, Tuscon, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1925

M.W. Otis James Baughn, Grand Master.

The Forty-third Annual Communication was held in the City of Phoenix, 10th February, 1925.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters supported the Grand East, faithful and eager.

In his able address the Grand Master gave an "old-fashioned" talk as follows:

You may call me old-fashioned, and perhaps I am, but it does seem to me that there is a marked difference between the rigor of the social and moral conventions of my youth and of today. If I be not mistaken, there has been a steady lowering of such standards and of the bars of such conventions ever since the great world war.

Stunned by the awful spectacle of a conflict for supremacy which surpassed the wildest dreams of mankind in its tearing asunder of all the highroads and pathways of peace and morality, the nations of the world today seem unable to get back to a position where civilization as a whole can re-establish itself in the former well-ordered paths of moral cleanliness. Particularly does it seem to me that our Nation and our State have suffered in this respect. Our youth is rebellious of proper restraint and "brazenness" sometimes seems to be the watchword of the hour.

As Masons, my brethren, have we not a mighty task before-us, and yet ought we not to undertake it with a song in our hearts and a grim determination to succeed?

One of his decisions was as follows on a point of interest:

A Master Mason who has failed to stand a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the Third Degree for a period of six months after being raised, is prohibited from voting on any and all matters brought before the lodge after the six months period has run and until such time as he does pass such examination. Provided, however, that he is not prohibited, from casting, and must if present cast, his secret ballot on any petition for the degrees, or on any application for affiliation, in conformity with the Constitution.

He emphasizes this preamble and decision with regard to the Eastern Star and we might add a suggestive query what about the secretaries who violate their obligations by giving a return to an outside body, of the Master Masons in good standing in their lodges?

It was my province, I think, to have had a peculiar request made of me as Grand Master. I was asked, innocently, of course, by the Patron of one of the Eastern Star Chapters of this State for a ruling on "just what constitutes a Mason in good standing in order that the members of his family may become Stars?"

Decision

"The question asked should be more properly asked of the Grand Patron or Grand Matron of the Eastern Star. Inasmuch as the Star is not a Masonic body, the Grand Master has no right or prerogative, by virtue of his position as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to give any advice or suggestions of any kind to, or make rulings for, any Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

With regard to the subject of the responsibility of a secretary to the general membership and his limitations in regard to trials the Grand Master says:

Such records are not, as a matter of right, open for promiscuous examination by curious and unauthorized members of the Fraternity even though members of the lodge to which the accused belonged or of the lodge where the trial was had.

Arizona has two Masonic Homes; of the one at Oracle the Grand Master says:

After a lengthy discussion covering every phase of the subject matter it was unanimously decided to go ahead and equip the property at Oracle for the reception of any tubercular Masons, old members, orphans, widows and others dependent upon and entitled to Masonic charity.

On "Masonic" Companies he comments as follows, having had an experience with a so-called Masonic Insurance Company which only paid a claim on his intervention:

The lesson for the Craft to draw from this is that the general prejudice of Masons everywhere against the use of the word "Masonic" in any business connection is neither unreasonable nor wholly unfounded in past experience.

Of his experience in Mexico and with Mexicans he says:

They were all fine, up-standing men, well educated, refined, dignified and courteous to a degree unknown in America. To me they epitomized the very highest type of Mexican citizenship. I take that as a good omen which augurs well for Masonry in Mexico.

That Masonry is not a Religion he emphasizes in the following ringing words:

"The church should be the soul of every community. A direct reliance upon divine providence is utterly essential to the well being of the individual, the family, the state and the nation. Yea, even the hope of the world rests in the church. We have 'reformed' the Bible out of our public schools and almost 'reformed' it out of some of our churches. A sincere, whole-hearted return to

the undimmed faith of our forefathers is much to be desired.

"As Grand Master of Arizona Masons, I would direct the attention of all Masons to the fact that Masonry is not a religion. It cannot take the place of the church. Its true mission in this regard is to point, with never-failing accuracy, straight to the door of the church. Every Mason should be a regular communicant at some church."

He closes with this verse:

"I care not where your islands lift
Their fronded palms in air,
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond your love and care."

Membership 5,658. Gain 244.

The oration was delivered by Grand Orator White on the History of Masonry, with illuminating illustrations.

The cornerstone of the Masonic Temple at Phoenix was laid by the Grand Master and a clear and vivid composite picture of the Brethren gathered for this auspicious occasion adorns the Proceedings.

Visitors from Mexico were introduced, addressed Grand Lodge and were heartily welcomed.

Arizona is represented near Canada by R.W. Bro. Fred Symes of Fort William and Canada has for our representative in Arizona Louis Gwaltney Moyes.

Arizona boasts a Past Grand Masters' Association which does excellent work.

The President among other suggestive remarks said:

Frankly and personally, I believe the Masonic order is handicapped by too much form, ceremonies and rituals.

Clement H. Colman, Yuma, Grand Master.

George J. Roskrue, Tuscon, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS

Storm O. Whaley, M.W. Grand Master.

Five Emergent Communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying corner-stones of the Court House, of Churches and School Buildings, and one for conducting the funeral of the late M.W. Bro. Reamey, P.G.M., an example which is followed by most Jurisdictions in the United States and should be followed also in Canada.

The Eighty-fourth Communication was held in the Albert Pike Memorial Temple in Little Rock 17th November, 1925. No less than 15 Past Grand Masters gathered at the centre.

Canada was represented by Bro. A. J. Russell.

The Grand Master in his address said among other comments of an outstanding and striking nature:

Brethren, another year book has been written in each of our lives since last we assembled.

While Death had slashed some bitter heart tearing gashes among us, that seem to be unhealing and unbearable, yet we are forced to push on and gather more closely, hold on and prize each other more dearly as we all move along the endless escalator toward a common doom.

As a Nation we have shown a return to that underlying spirit of common sense which has always saved America before she reaches the point of rashness. The soapbox orator and wild-eyed Bolshevik's former audience does not even hesitate—they are too busy watching the traffic cop's signals and listening for the factory whistles to blow.

The Federation of Labor, which has been subjected to the most hellish, insidious, undermining propaganda since the war, has beaten off this blood-sucking python and has driven it back into the dark seas of Russia from whence it came, and where it can best thrive in darkness and ignorance. We have learned that we cannot tear the arm of Labor from the body of Capital, for each would be useless without the other. I believe that Masonry can claim a large credit in this country for the stabilizing horse sense that has kept our many half-digested, partially-fermented, newly American population from becoming menaces to peaceful government.

I believe that the year has brought an awakening as to law enforcement. We are realizing that the hardened criminal is a menace. I predict that the next few years will witness a period of law enforcement that may swing even to the extreme of harshness, for the country has been pricked and nettled with unpunished crime.

The drinking among our young people, which a year or two ago flourished so widely, has begun to wane—the thrill of forbidden fruit has died away with the first unpleasant taste and our young people's admiration for clean, wholesome bodies as well as alert, active minds has saved them. Only the lounge lizard persists in carrying his hip flask, and may be that is nature's way of allowing him to work his own destruction, with the least lost motion for the rest of us.

May I give you this slogan which I have coined, to carry back home with you and pin in your hats?: "California yesterday, Florida today, and Arkansas tomorrow," and may I add that the time is past low twelve and tomorrow is already dawning. So much for our material development.

Arkansas Masonry has an heroic figure in the person of Brother Fay Hempstead, "The Poet Laureate of Freemasonry," who has interpreted in verse the real spirit and purpose of Masonry. He is the Dean of the Grand Secretaries of American Grand Jurisdictions.

Surely, Arkansas has a right to be proud of the eminent patrons of Masonry that have graced this and past generations.

He says of the Orphans' Home:

I consider our Orphans' Home as the greatest work of Masonry, the real substance of our undertaking, the best reason for our existence.

He speaks in commendatory tones of the Tubercular Building at Booneville, Arkansas' Masonic gift, with room for 42 children cared for at one time.

From his closing remarks with regard to his belief in De Molay he says:

The future of Arkansas depends upon what your boy or girl and mine are thinking about today, and what they are thinking about depends upon where they are, who they are with and what they are doing. We have provided well for the orphan and afflicted children of our State; and through our Pension Fund and Hospital Service have provided refuge for our unfortunate brethren; but have we not a duty to perform for your children and mine? To see that every boy and girl in the Temple of which you and I are justly proud. If my year's work is ever recalled in any man's memory, I would rather he would remember me as having raised my voice and used my utmost effort in behalf of better educational opportunities for our children.

I, therefore, am strongly in favor of the DeMolay.

I fully realize that I am only a rough ashler, by some chance gathered from the debris of the Temple, chipped and polished by the association of your splendid lives and characters. I have been placed, through your generosity, into the Arch of this Grand Lodge for one short year. If I have stood the test it is only because I have felt about me from every angle the warm, close pressure of you, my brethren, who are the living stones in this wonderful spiritual temple

in which I am only a passing keystone, soon to be replaced by a better and more fitting one as in the past.

In these closing lines I have tried to express the two viewpoints of Masonry—in the young men the too common view of being a button and badge Mason—the high Mason type, in the Father the ideal type who has a real view of our purposes and principles.

MASONRY DWELLS WITHIN

I have learned my lectures, word for word,
I know the degrees from the First to the Third.
Am I the Mason you would have me to be?
“Not yet, my Son, not yet,” quoth he.

I have taken the Chapter, I have my mark,
The signs and the passwords I know by heart,
I know that now you must be proud of me.
“Yes, proud, but not satisfied,” quoth he.

Look at my Fez and splendid Shrine pin,
My 32nd degree ring with the diamond set in,
I have got it all, you must agree with me.
“Not all, my Son, not all,” said he.

But Father, why speak, you surely know
I have each degree, from high to low,
My emblems, charms and patents you see.
“There is more than these, my Son,” said he.

The Grand Secretary says in his able report:

Our Library is rapidly filling up with many valuable books, and a cabinet therein, with many interesting souvenirs and objects of value. My personal contribution to the Library is a Memory Book.

Grand Lodge assembled in the Auditorium on Tues, day evening when there were present Officers and members of the Eastern Star then in session at Little Rock—they having been invited to be present to hear Grand Orator R.W. Bro. W. A. Utley who delivered a wonderful address on the Mission of Masonry. He is a real orator. We quote a few sentences:

It must have a work to do that will not only engage the attention and enlist the affections of its membership, but will also, in its results, elicit the commendation of all who are interested in promoting and securing the greatest good to the largest number.

The Sculptor at work on a block of stone, appears to the passer-by to be doing a purely mechanical act. The observer sees but the chisel, the mallet, and the marble; but in the sculptor's brain is a presence we cannot see. It is the ideal form to be wrought out by his hand. His vision makes him an artist; without it, he becomes merely a stone cutter.

So we are fashioned by our ideals, and only as these are true and beautiful, high and noble, can the life become truly great.

The law of growth is in doing. Unselfish service will increase not only the ability to serve but with this growth will come added power. Timid hearts may have shrunk from the magnitude of the task of providing for our worthy distressed brother wherever he may be found. But the pitiful sum from each affiliated Mason would willingly be increased many fold if necessity demanded.

Among the choicest fruits gathered from our great old tree of fraternity, is, therefore, the care and support of the children of youth and age. The three steps upon the Master's carpet are the basis for our system of fraternal charities.

Toward a great friendship, long foreseen by Masonic faith, the world is slowly moving, amid difficulties and delays, reactions and reconstructions. Though long deferred that day, will surely arrive.

The Missouri Pacific Railway volunteered to transport all Christmas presents intended for the Masonic Orphans' Home at Batesville, and the thanks of Grand Lodge were tendered for this generous action.

From the Committee on Memorials we take these appropriate verses:

But he has served who now and then
Has helped along his fellow men.
The world needs many men today,
Red-blooded men, along life's way,
With cheerful smiles and helping hands
And with the faith that understands,
And the beauty of the simple deed
Which serves another's hour of need.
Strong men to stand beside the weak;
Kind men to hear what others speak;
True men to keep our country's laws
And guard its honor and its cause;
Men who will bravely play life's game
Nor ask rewards of gold or fame.

R.W. Bro. J. C. Hegler represents Arkansas in Canada and R.W. Bro. M. E. Bradford is Canada's Grand Representative at Little Rock.

An edict was approved condemning any lodge which carelessly or wilfully encroaches upon the jurisdiction of another lodge and directing that it shall be subject to an arrest or suspension of charter as may be determined by the G.M. in his discretion after hearing, and if the

boundaries are uncertain the lodges shall by agreement establish boundaries and if unable to agree, the District Deputy shall determine them.

There is no Correspondence Report.

The Eighty-fifth Communication will be held in Little Rock, 16th November, 1926.

Claud L. Hill, Arkadelphia, M.W. Grand Master.

Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, R.W. Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

M.W. Brother Stephen Jones, Grand Master.

Many Emergent Communications were held for constituting lodges and laying corner-stones, both worthy activities.

The corner-stone of a Memorial Arch at Hollyburn, West Vancouver, was laid with special and loyal ceremonial.

M.W. Bro. Tisdall delivered an eloquent address in which he spoke of the site of the Memorial Park as:

A background of mountain ranges, with the sea in front and with the Spanish Banks in the foreground—the scene of the meeting of the great sea captain, Captain Vancouver, and the Spanish men-of-war.

He urged less unkindly criticism of those who acted as our leaders during the great war and spoke of General Morrison's wonderful funeral.

Of Bro. General Sir Sam Hughes he says:

Another outstanding Canadian—Sir Sam Hughes—was not so fortunate. There is no doubt the Empire owes him a great debt of gratitude. The driving power in the Canadian Cabinet when war first broke out, he erected a monument to himself in the raising, equipping and transporting overseas the first Canadian Contingent in record time.

He gave a worthy tribute of praise to General French and generally to our Canadian troops saying:

Hardships were cheerfully and willingly endured in Canada, in England and in the trenches. Inclemency of weather, defective rifles, badly equipped hospitals, scanty supplies of food and ammunition were all borne without a murmur and our men made good and established a reputation as fighting men of the first class.

I am one of those who think that we have not seen the last of war. Wars have existed since the dawn of history and in my opinion will only cease when time is no more.

Most Worshipful Sir, Mr. Reeve, Ladies and Gentlemen join with me in saluting our dead heroes. Gone before, they are not forgotten, they will live for evermore. They gave their lives that we might enjoy our ideals of liberty.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Communication was held at Kamloops 18th June, 1925, with twelve Past Grand Masters personally present in the East.

Canada's representative did not respond at the altar.

The Grand Master in his address referred to Kamloops as the "Inland Capital" and called attention to the coincidence that the twentieth Annual Communication had been held here exactly 34 years ago to a day and that M.W. Bro. A. McKeown who then presided, was present today.

Of the new Kamloops Temple and the progress of Masonry in British Columbia he says:

It is exceptionally complete, well designed, and appropriately furnished for the practice of the Holy work of Freemasonry, and may well serve as a pattern for other lodges that contemplate Temple erection. To our Kamloops brethren it is their Masonic home. To their fellow-citizens it is the home of Freemasonry in Kamloops. And its splendid proportions and imposing structure will be best impressed upon the minds of all those who see it by the lives and daily conduct in their midst of those who gather within these walls. The brethren of Kamloops have good reason to be proud.

Today, after years of quiet steady well-spread growth we have 105 Constituent lodges and a membership of approximately 13,393. In this Province the membership in the Craft even with our limited population, is second only to the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

He mourns the loss of those who have gone but rejoices in their advancement, quoting this verse.:

"They're passing away, these good old friends,
Like leaves from the current cast,
With never a break in the rapid flow,
We watch them as one by one they go
Into the solemn past."

Four lodges were constituted during the year.

He says that V.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. A. U. DePencier, Grand Chaplain and Bishop of Cariboo, delivered a masterly address at the laying of the corner-stone of St. Paul's Anglican Church.

We trust our British Columbia Brethren will broaden their spiritual vision of Masonry, and progress abreast of the times, so that these two rulings can never be given again.

A man who had lost a leg above the knee, under any circumstances, is not eligible to petition for the degrees.

A man who has lost his right arm between the elbow and the wrist is not eligible to apply for the degrees.

They gave all possible honour to the officers of the British Empire Service Squadron on the occasion of their visit.

Armistice Day was duly celebrated and greetings were given to the Prince of Wales as Lord Renfrew.

Of his visits he says:

I found wherever I visited a wonderful Masonic spirit, and the brethren hungering for more light in Freemasonry, which makes me feel that the words of Kipling that "East is East, and West is West and never the twain shall meet," do not apply to the great family of Freemasons, who are one in thought as they are in purpose and ambition.

He calls the Past Masters of the Lodge "its sheet anchors" and we agree.

And in conclusion he says of the Grand Lodge officers:

They are deeply sensible that with the growth of the Institution increased responsibility devolves upon those who have to set the example and give guidance to the brethren.

I sincerely trust that in the past twelve months, its principles have been so upheld as to give promise of far greater progress and a richer harvest in the days and years to come.

The Mayor of Kamloops, Mr. Arthur E. Meighen extended a cordial welcome to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary suggests a monetary penalty on lodges failing to make prompt returns.

Membership 13,393. Gain 621.

Very fine photographs of the exterior and interior of the new Kamloops Lodge adorn the volume.

Grand Lodge proceeded in procession to the site of the Soldiers' Memorial where Grand Master Jones deposited a wreath.

British Columbia is represented by R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, K.C. of Toronto, and Canada is represented by W. Bro. W. J. R. Seymour, of Vancouver.

Then follow Memorial pages and the personnel of each lodge.

The Correspondence Report is in the vigorous if not always placid or diplomatic hands of the Grand Secretary, Dr. W. A. DeWolf-Smith of New Westminster, who thus introduces his review which throughout stimulates interest and does not allow any stagnation:

It is scarcely necessary to remind our readers that in the past few years new societies, or associations or orders based upon or claiming connection with Masonry have been established in the republic to the South of us with a prodigality rivalling France in the eighteenth century.

It is gratifying to note that many Grand Masters, as well as writers of these reports, apparently realize that it is time to call a halt, and more or less practicable suggestions are offered to remedy this state of things. Just how effective these remedies may be remains to be seen, but we fear that none of them strikes at the root of the evil.

The efforts by certain bodies derived from the Ancient and Accepted Rite to secure recognition by regular and legitimate Masonry still continue, and we regret to report that many Grand Lodges are yielding to the pressure—some in a follow-my-leader game, and others more or less honestly in pursuit of the will-o'-the-wisp known as "Universal Masonry."

Under Georgia he says:

Also through the Grand Master's efforts, with the assistance of other brethren, a committee on "visual education" has been appointed, and a cinema machine purchased, while by the generosity of the producers the Home has been given, free of charge, the use of any film in the United States.

A most unusual case occurred in one of the lodges. According to the Grand Master there appeared in one of the Atlanta dailies an article headed:

Masons to Petition For Pardon of Payne, Former Detective.
in which it was stated

"Lebanon Masonic Lodge, No. 655, will appear as a body before the State Prison Commission Monday morning at ten o'clock

and as an organization apply for a pardon for W. L. Payne, former Atlanta detective now serving a sentence on a bribery charge, according to Arthur J. Dunlop, secretary of Lebanon Lodge."

The article went on to say

"This move of a Masonic Lodge to secure a pardon for one of its members is probably the first instance of the kind on record, and is certainly the only movement of the kind known to have happened in Atlanta."

It certainly is the first case of the kind that we remember reading of, but the singularity of the occurrence did not impress the Grand Master, who incontinently and properly suspended the Lodge.

Manitoba receives a very full report and comment:

Let it become known that dispensations of this kind will not be granted and the demand for them will speedily cease.

We cannot understand this extreme solicitude for one who petitions for initiation, nor can we at the moment recollect any duty or obligation we assumed to protect him. Rather, we were taught, is it our duty to protect the lodge and our obligation was toward it and its members.

We do not admit, either, that a rejection is necessarily a reproach against a man's character. A petitioner whose character will not bear investigation should, of course, be rejected, but on the other hand no man is entitled to admission to the Craft simply because his character is good.

While there is much in the Grand Master's Address with which we do not agree, we are prepared to admit that he gave his hearers something to think about.

Canada 1924 is found under Ontario, and our colleague analyses carefully Grand Master Drope's address saying:

The practice of inter-lodge visits, both intra- and extra-Jurisdictional, is much commended. The opinion is expressed that too much leniency is shown to those who are guilty of criminal offences, and "This shows either a spirit of indifference, or a readiness to conceal or forgive crimes which should not be tolerated." Yet in the Volume of the Sacred Law we read that One admonished his disciples to forgive an erring brother not seven times, but seventy times seven.

We like better the Grand Master's appeal that more care be taken in the admission of members, and that if there is any doubt of the desirability or suitability of a candidate, the lodge should be given the benefit of the doubt.

The baneful practice of regularly promoting the officers of the lodges apparently prevails in Ontario as well as in British Columbia. Good advice in respect to the choice of a Master is to be found.

Of the sale of so-called Works he quotes the Grand Master's remarks:

No protestations of innocence should be accepted or tolerated. The man who commercializes Masonry in this manner is unworthy of bearing the honoured name of Mason.

He concludes his review of Canada with the following:

Note is made of the "Silent Tyler" found in the Masonic Hall at Barkerville, and the attention of lodges suffering from lack of interest on the part of their members is directed to our Grand Historian's account of a "Mock Trial" conducted by one of the lodges—the suggestion being that something of the kind might prove efficacious in Ontario. We trust that it will not be necessary.

South Carolina gives him this opportunity:

A brother of one of the lodges having been found guilty of a violation of the prohibition law, his lodge refused (no doubt because of a fellow feeling) to assess a penalty; in consequence of which the Grand Master called in its Warrant. The Committee on Jurisprudence made the punishment fit the crime by handing the brother a sentence of expulsion; in addition to which the Warrant of the Lodge was revoked.

Discipline, in some cases, appears to be administered without much formality:

"M.W. Brother S. T. Lamham introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

"Resolved That it is the edict of this Grand Lodge that Brother Charles H. Bird be expelled from Freemasonry by this Grand Lodge."

Tout court: just like that.

Texas affords him ample material including the following:

The Grand Orator, R.W. Brother M. A. Childers, delivered a patriotic oration, in the course of which, referring to the public schools, he quoted (and revised) Shakespeare as follows:

"I believe that if the day should ever come when we would have to defend our public schools by force of arms, the Masons of Texas would want to be in the front ranks, with their Grand Master just back of the line giving orders, and with a band from the Masonic Orphans Home at a strategic point playing the old familiar tune:

"Lay on McDuff, and damned be him
Who first cries Hold—enough."

Under Virginia he finds Proceedings after his own heart (and ours) and we cannot do better than reproduce

his words with regard to the perhaps unconcious assumption of the Southern Scottish Rite. See also our review of Montana in this volume:

M.W. Bro. Joseph Eggleston prepared the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and that statement alone is a guarantee of its excellence.

Nor is he in favour of recognizing anything that comes along simply because it calls itself Masonic.

He quotes:

His review this time was 363 pages of exhaustive report on what pretends to be Masonry all over the world, and was an effort to recognize everything that calls itself by our name, and particularly so as to bodies of a different Rite from ours. We are not in accord with him and think it is a mistake, because we do not think there ever can or should be an amalgamation of two Rites so utterly divergent in their system of government.

One is a self-governing Brotherhood, the other an Oligarchy governed from above by a body self-perpetuating.

In one place he said, "Quite similar to that prevailing in the United States, between the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, giving the former exclusive control of the first three degrees."

What we take issue with is the "giving". The Scottish Rite never had occasion to give anything to the Grand Lodge, which is sovereign and supreme, and the phrasing above was unfortunate.

We do not think it was wise to recognize bodies in the Latin countries where they are subordinate to any higher authority.

What good can by any possibility result in this movement, which looks so quixotic to us, is beyond our comprehension.

We agree with the above, but would go further. Like Bro. Eggleston, we speak as a member both of the Masonic Fraternity and of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and like him we cannot agree with Brother Street. Not only does the Rite differ from the Craft in its system of government, but it lacks the legitimacy of descent which would give it a claim on our consideration—in plain words, it is not a Masonic organization. The idea that the Rite could give a Grand Lodge the exclusive, or any other degree of control over the three degrees of Masonry, is too ridiculous to receive any attention. Suffice it to say that as the Rite never had any right to, or control over, the three Masonic degrees, its magnanimity in relinquishing them is a matter for laughter.

In his review of Alberta Brother Eggleston notes that incorporation of the lodges is recommended by the Grand Master, which course, he thinks, may be rendered necessary, or advisable, by Can-

adian law. We can assure him that such is not the case. British Columbia, like Alberta, is governed by Canadian law, yet our lodges are peremptorily prohibited from incorporating—like Virginia, we realize the dangers and difficulties liable to result.

He closes his review with a word of praise for England which is appreciated, and a comment on West Virginia which wakens one up, if indeed anyone could sleep after reading our colleague's breezy review.

Hon. Alex. M. Manson, Victoria, Grand Master.

Dr. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, New Westminster, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA

David J. Reese, M.W. Grand Master.

A portrait and biography of M.W. Bro. Reese precede the Proceedings. He was born of good Welsh stock, his father being a mining engineer. He is a journalist, a member of the Executive of the California Press Association and President of the International Assembly of Civil Service Commissioners.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication was held at San Francisco, October 13th, 1925. He gave them a homelike atmosphere and a preliminary hearty welcome which must have given a tone to the whole meeting and from it we extract these friendly sentences as a model of optimistic happiness, radiating from the Grand East:

More than fifty per cent. of you are strangers and have never sat in Grand Lodge before. But this is your Grand Lodge, as much yours at it is that of the oldest battle-scarred veteran in the line. And you are going to get out of this Grand Lodge just what you put into it.

There was a time when I thought that the elder statesmen in the amen corner directed the legislation and controlled the destinies of Grand Lodges, and I haven't changed my opinion.

You handed to me the Golden Key of your cities and your temples as I visited your homes and your lodges. There is no Golden Key here, else I would gladly lay it at your feet. For this Grand Lodge is yours. I am talking to you in this homely fashion because I want you to feel at home; you are part of the great big Masonic family.

And on next Friday when our officers are installed and Grand Lodge has closed and the pay-car comes your way, I trust that each of you will pack your grip and leave for home with a smile on your lips and a song in your heart and with the conviction in your mind that attendance on the Grand Lodge Communication of 1925 was really worth while. God bless you.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters honoured Grand Lodge by their presence.

The address of the Grand Master bears all the touches of the experienced writer. Among other good things he said:

Masonry is friendship, to be friends with all men, however they may differ from us in creed or color or condition;

The Great All-Father has been good to us and has given us the most wonderful year in all the history of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

To paraphrase that great and good man and Mason, the late Thomas R. Marshall, "My retirement is not a demotion to the ranks, because I have never rose above them."

A Grand Master cannot meet the demands of the brethren, he cannot attend to the administrative duties of his office; he cannot give attention to his correspondence, without untold personal sacrifice.

He declared with pride a membership of nearly 116,000 Master Masons, a net gain of 7,319, with 30 new lodges instituted during the year but these he says, are only material things, and a fraternity is judged by making these things articulate in the lives of the membership of the Order.

On the condition of the Craft he says:

It is evident, grievously evident, that hundreds, yes thousands of men who have petitioned for the degrees have petitioned merely because they must have the pre-requisite of Masonic membership in order to reach the playground of Masonry.

I am convinced that we cannot make Masons too fast, but I am also convinced that we are making members too fast.

If we can raise but one brother who is worthy and well qualified, a credit to the Fraternity and an honor to the Craft, we have accomplished more for humanity than *rubber stamping* a hundred and making them Masons in name only.

Masonry means good citizenship. Through all of its lessons and obligations and charges winds the thread of loyalty to country;

obedience to law; support of constituted authority; And I cannot conceive of a good Mason who is not first and above all else a good citizen.

Of what he terms extraneous organizations he says and quotes:

Whatever else he may be in Masonry or in any so-called side degree of Masonry, he is a Mason first and above all else, and unless he conforms to every law and regulation his membership in Masonry is jeopardized. This Grand Lodge should and must take steps to prevent the establishment of other side-degrees and to provide regulating supervision for all such side-degrees as may be established.

It does not countenance side-degrees, nor will it permit organizations not Masonic, to use titles having a Masonic reference. Ancient Craft Masonry is our property, and we cannot allow attachments to be made to it which destroy its symmetry and pervert it from its original purpose.

At the inception of the Great War when Germany was marching through Belgium to enter France, the protest of Belgium was: "This is a country, not a road!" Masonry was never intended to be a road, or a stepping stone to other organizations or institutions.

If it can succeed in that, its votaries are not to be easily diverted by the lure of fancy, or recreation; if it fails in that mission the fault lies within; it cannot profit by outside help, it must clean its own house."

Of the wonderful Masonic Homes in the State he says:

The bright stars in the crown of Californiaa Masonry are the Homes at Covina and Decoto. As a matter of fact, the only real tangible achievement of our Fraternity in this state, the one great monument to which with pride we can direct the attention of the world, are these splendid institutions.

He paid an official visit to the Hawaiian Islands, the paradise of the Pacific and was royally received by the eight lodges of that far off, sun-kissed, God favored land where there are 1,640 members in good standing.

No less than 46 special-Communications of the Grand Lodge were held during the year to lay corner-stones and dedicate Temples.

He revoked the dispensation granted to a lodge, for having initiated a petitioner for the Craft Degrees despite the protest of 21 Master Masons, the lodge not having exhibited satisfactory evidence of Masonic capability and not having observed the spirit or the letter of the law.

The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. John Whicher represented California at Ireland's Bi-centenary and gave a glowing report of his experience.

Our Grand Master Drope and the Representative of Western Australia were the only Brethren present who had travelled farther than he. His description of the great service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, of the Grand Lodge meeting, of the Masonic Homes for Girls and for Boys, accompanied by pictures of the charming Irish Home girls are all vivid and interesting. He points out the following regarding the Irish Curfew bell:

It may be of interest to note here that police regulations in Dublin require all public meetings to close not later than 11 o'clock at night, a practice which might be emulated in America with profit to the health of our brethren who continue their banquets beyond that hour.

He visited Scotland and England also and sums up:

I do not hesitate to applaud the three jurisdictions visited for their splendid and active work in trying to build up a clean, strong and intelligent manhood and womanhood through their Masonic schools and annuities.

As to the responsibility of a lodge in taking in a candidate under age the Grand Master says:

If the Lodge or the Master received the petition of one who was not of lawful age, knowing that the petitioner was not telling the full truth in his petition and knowing that he was not at the date of meeting at which it was received of the age of twenty-one, the Grand Master would be justified in arresting the charter of the lodge.

The Grand Master thus concludes:

The history of my year's service has already been dictated to *Time's* stenographer.

Brethren, our work is in the valley, and I would have you press forward with earnestness and zeal to the prize of your high calling.

Then tell me no more of the house by the road;

There's only one place I can live:

It's there with the men who are toiling along

Who are needing the cheer I can give.

It is pleasant to live in the house by the way

And befriend, as the poet has said

But the Master is bidding us, "Bear ye their load,

For your rest waiteth yonder ahead."

Out there in the road that goes by the house,
When the poet is singing his song,
I'll walk and I'll work, midst the heat of the day,
And I'll help falling brothers along;
Too busy to live in the house by the way,
Too happy for such an abode,
And my heart sings its praise to the Master above
Who is helping me serve in the road."

The annual oration of Grand Orator Gaylord is well described as full of meat and is printed in full.

907 members of Grand Lodge visited the Masonic Home at Decoto and at suppertime broke bread with them.

California declined to enter into official relationship with the Grand Lodge Vallee de Mexico, and will continue fraternal relations with the York Grand Lodge.

The report on Correspondence is by a Committee of which Bro. James Lewis Matthews is Chairman.

In his introduction he agrees with us as to the smaller Jurisdictions and says with regard to Canada and others:

Some of the reports from the smallest states, where Masonry is numerically weakest, reflect, in the opinion of the reviewer, a stauncher stand for the fundamentals of the Order, and perhaps a better understanding of the structure upon which Masonry is built than is found in the populous places.

Canadian Brothers and those from the storm-swept isles near us show a commendable brevity in reports, at the same time containing much food for reflection.

Throughout the reports there is a loving overtone of respect and admiration for those splendid leaders who have carried on through the years and have laid down their emblems to enter the Greater Grand Lodge in another and more beautiful Jurisdiction beyond this life.

Canada 1924 is favorably reviewed and he quotes largely from and analyzes the Grand Master's address saying:

The Grand Master's report showed deep and earnest thought with respect to Masonry, its ideals and prospects in the future and the duty of the individual Mason during his lifetime with respect thereto.

He commends the establishment of reading-rooms

and libraries in connection with lodge quarters where brain may drink deep at the fountain of knowledge.

California is full of activity.

The Seventy-seventh Communication will be held in San Francisco, October 12th, 1926.

Albert E. Boynton, San Francisco, Grand Master.

John Whicher, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO

M.W. Brother William N. Vaile, Grand Master.

After many special Communications Grand Lodge met for their Sixty-fifth Annual at Denver, September 15th, 1925.

With one exception the largest number of Past Grand Masters loyally graced the East, twenty-one in all answering to Roll Call.

Among the distinguished visitors were Representatives of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming. Verily Colorado is a mecca to those who travel the highway of the Craft.

Colorado observes a time honored custom in calling the Roll of deceased Grand Masters and thus preserving their memory, after which "Crossing the Bar" was sung.

Canada's Grand Representative did not appear.

Then followed an outstanding address by Grand Master Vaile who made evidently a special study and issued a wonderful deliverance on the subject of the Ku Klux Klan, which apparently is stronger in its influence in Colorado than in any other of the States. In order that our Brethren may realize its purpose and effect at least as felt in Colorado, this reviewer has thought it best to make copious extracts and at the same time to refer all those who require more information to consult the Proceedings of Colorado for 1925 (and other Jurisdictions referred to in this review). Before entering upon this subject he speaks of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer having been veritable pillars of strength and establishment. Grand Masters always find them so.

He speaks of the Standing Committee on Masonic Soldiers and Sailors Welfare as having been very faithful.

Of laying corner-stones on Sunday he says:

I have felt obliged to decline invitations to lay corner-stones on Sunday, all of which, during my administration, have come from churches and would seem to be based on a misunderstanding of the nature of the ceremony. While it is true that it is of a serious and religious character, it of course represents a process of operative Masonry, and in the spreading of the cement, the physical lowering and setting of the stone, and other respects it is an actual part of the construction of the building. It has seemed to me foreign to the traditions of the Craft to have this work of operative Masonry exemplified on the Sabbath, even though the principal value of such exemplification is its religious symbolism.

Of assimilating Colorado to English work he thus speaks:

It has been brought several times to my attention that the sign of the Third Degree is given differently in the jurisdiction of our Mother, the Grand Lodge of England, than in the United States, but that in England the sign used here is taught as a matter of Masonic instruction to traveling Masons. I recommend an investigation of this subject by the Custodians of the Work with a view to ascertaining if lodges in this Jurisdiction might advantageously supplement their instruction by a demonstration of the sign as given in England.

He condemns so-called Masonic Directories and refused to allow information to be given to them.

As to Organizations building upon Freemasonry and especially the Grotto and DeMolay he is very firm saying:

This rule adopted by this Grand Lodge, 1920, is as follows:

"That no Master Mason, a member of any lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, shall become a member by petition or otherwise of the so-called Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (or Grotto); and any Master Mason who shall become a member of said so-called Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (or Grotto) shall be subject to Masonic discipline."

And yet the Grotto is not deemed to be objectionable in itself. The reason for our rule is thus succinctly stated in the annual address

"No countenance should be given to new organizations which seek to build upon Freemasonry."

There are other organizations which possess many virtues but which Grand Lodges have declined to sanction because by forming adjuncts or side issues to Masonry they sap its strength, directing the interest of its members into collateral channels.

The order of DeMolay has been regarded as of this character, and my predecessors, not disputing the generally beneficial result of its teachings, have consistently advised against its recognition. With these precedents I have come to be in hearty accord, though I must confess that I entered upon the duties of my office with doubts more than half resolved in favor of the DeMolay.

My recommendation is that the previous action of this Grand Lodge and of its previous Grand Masters with respect to both the Grotto and DeMolay, be approved and continued.

The K.K.K. became of practical interest by reason of its being the cause of his refusing a dispensation to form a Lodge at Oak Creek. He thus speaks of the incident and of the Klan:

The petitioners were all reported to me to be members of the Klan.

As the lack of harmony between Masons in that community seemed to me directly attributable to the Klan, and as it seemed to me very clear that a Masonic Lodge if organized there would really serve as an adjunct of the Klan, I did not feel that it was proper to grant the dispensation while this dual relationship existed.

One of them, soliciting my own membership, said "it is Masonry in action," and I have heard members of the Klan who were also Masons use the same phrase in describing it.

There is no doubt whatever that it has made special efforts to get into its membership the officers of Masonic Lodges and to get its members elected to office in Masonic Lodges. I know at least one lodge in this State where the evidence clearly indicates that a slate of officers of a Masonic Lodge was decided upon before the Masonic election at a meeting of the Klan which was attended by profanes. It is not at all an uncommon occurrence in this jurisdiction for profanes to prophesy accurately in advance that a particular candidate for the degrees in Masonry will be or will not be elected to receive them.

Even if the Ku Klux Klan were in fact what it claims to be, a kind of Masonry, more popular, less exclusive and particular, more active and militant, but nevertheless a kind of Masonry—even in that case, I say, the domination of Masonic Lodges by such outside but related influences could not be borne by the Craft with the maintenance of its dignity and self-respect. But it is my firm conviction that it is an entirely different institution of widely divergent purposes and practices.

I wish, however, to admit at the outset that much of its published propaganda is attractive and makes a strong appeal to many of us. When it proclaims its adherence to American institutions we are impressed. Many splendid men were drawn into it and some of them still remain in it.

I believe that the very best of these are members of the Masonic fraternity.

Here let me say this, also, that these instances of persecution are not all by the Klan. There are many such instances of persecution against its members. But they were rare in all of our communities before the Klan began to function. They are frequent now because the Klan operations provoke reprisals. Injury begets injury and multiplies it many fold.

Let me, in all candor and sincerity, ask you this question: Entirely aside from its effect in the community at large has our confidence in each other as Masons been increased or diminished since the Klan came among us?

We tell the Entered Apprentice that "Justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction." What does "without distinction" mean? Certainly in the United States of America it must at least mean that there shall be no different recognition of the rights of the Catholic, the Jew and the Protestant, any more than there shall be a different recognition of the rights of the rich and poor.

We shall present the Brother in the South with a plumb, and we shall tell him that it is a reminder of the Golden Rule, admonishing us "to do unto others as we would have others do unto us."

Shall the trowel become an obsolete instrument?

It is the melancholy fact that today in many lodges in this State that cement is altogether lacking.

What, for example, are we going to do to and with our Jewish brothers? There are thousands of them. They believe in one Ever-Living and True God. Their lives are as clean and honorable as are those of other Masons. They are enthusiastically devoted to the welfare of the Craft. Shall we permit in Masonry today a situation by which these men shall henceforth cease to be our brothers and become, instead, our half-brothers or less?

Many Masonic Lodges in Colorado today are filled with half-brothers. They are not all Jewish half-brothers, by any means.

Oh, my brothers, in this war-torn world we are sick of hates and feuds. We want good-will and friendliness and helpfulness. That was once the mission of Freemasonry. By its execution our Fraternity gained the confidence of mankind. I appeal to you to rededicate yourselves to this ideal.

A grateful Nation has erected a memorial to one of her younger sons. It is an unmarked slab of pure marble in beautiful Arlington Cemetery. Beneath it sleeps a youth in the uniform of the Republic.

We do not know his name. It may be Smith or Cohen or O'Shaughnessy.

We do not know the church in which he knelt, or the form in which his prayers ascended to the Supreme Architect of the Universe

But we do know the altar from which his soul ascended. It was the altar of his supreme sacrifice for "one flag and one country, with liberty and justice to all."

I recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

The Grand Lodge cautions Masons in this jurisdiction against organizations which tend to disturb the harmony either of Masonic Lodges or of the community generally.

Inasmuch as the Ku Klux Klan, by its practices, has become such an organization, all Master Masons are advised not to affiliate with it, and are urged to withdraw from it if already affiliated.

Members 31,159. Net gain 908.

Grand Orator Hershey said in his powerful address:

Would it not be a fine and constructive thing for those of us who are led astray into numberless activities and endless causes of one kind or another, to concentrate in the practise of our Masonic precepts and give to Masonry the full strength of our powers and personalities, instead of seeking constantly some new organization or some new outlet through which to work off our surplus energy?

How many of our brethren today are using Freemasonry as a stepping stone into other organizations and other lines of moral and social endeavor?

Freemasonry demands and has a right to expect, the first, full and faithful allegiance of its members, an allegiance not to be diluted by a multiplicity of pledges to other forms of fraternal, business or social uplift.

Let us work today! Let us seize these implements, with a clean heart, a clear mind and a skilled hand—these tools that Masonry provides for the good of our fellowmen, the community in which we work and live and the country of which we are so proud. Is this not the work of which we talk and preach? Yet do we all think and act as Masons?

The tools are at hand. The centuries have failed to rust or corrode them. They are the simple building instruments that man has used since time began.

M.W. Bro. Keiper, Grand Secretary of the District of Columbia, eloquently addressed the brethren on the George Washington National Memorial.

We note that the Chairman on the Committee of Fraternal Correspondence receives \$400. and frankly we are not able to derive very much information from his report.

The new Grand Master, M.W. Brother Mirick said in his introductory address:

Will we be inspired to pick up the torch of influence of this Grand Old Order and "Carry On" as did our brethren of old to a higher and better plane of understanding? Let us, my brethren, seriously find ourselves and prayerfully return to normalcy.

James R. Killian of Denver, represents Canada, and Andrew H. Dalziel of Windsor, represents Colorado.

The review of Proceedings of Grand Lodges is as usual by R.W. Brother Stanley C. Warner, a Bay of Quinte boy from Napanee.

From his introduction we take the following:

The Proceedings in general would seem to indicate that the Craft, with few exceptions, has not during the past year been so much concerned with outside matters or troublesome appendages as during the years of and immediately succeeding the war, and has settled down to the placid but really serious work of Ancient Freemasonry. The record show a genuine spirit of charity pervading the bodies and much good work performed for the amelioration of mankind. Masonic Homes and other benevolences have been greatly extended.

Under Canada he says:

In his Annual Address, the Grand Master stressed the need of Masonic education, suggesting that once a year at least a capable student of Masonic research be invited to address each lodge on some Masonic subject of interest. He also sounded a warning to "guard well the portals," and to keep Masonry free from commercialization.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry has a timely word to say about controversial questions of public policy:

"Perhaps it would not be stating the case too strongly to say that in some jurisdictions Masonry is inclined to abandon the definite prohibition of the ancient charges that it has no concern with political or religious questions.

Utah appears to strike a responsive spark:

The work of the Masonic Service Association was highly commended by the Deputy Grand Master who, in his exhaustive report, brought to the Grand Lodge something of the renewed spirit of consecration to the cause of Masonry inspired by the interchange of thought and ideas at the meeting.

Under Western Australia he says:

The attendance of non-Masons (such as wives, relatives of members, and waitresses) was prohibited at the Festive Board after the Toast List has been commenced.

The next Annual Meeting at Denver, September 21, 1926.

Frank G. Mirick, Pueblo, Grand Master.

William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

In the statistical tables it is interesting to note that New York's membership represents, 311,270, a net gain of 2,236, while Illinois with a membership of 270,780 shows an increase of 11,736, Pennsylvania increased by 4,072, Ohio by 7,913, and Texas, by 6,001, California by 7,104. These are the largest figures available.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

M.W. Bro. Roe Fulkerson, Grand Master.

A stated Communication was held at Washington, May 13th, 1925.

The Grand Master delivered a brief address full of good suggestions and encouragement. Of the Masonic Service Association he says:

It is obvious to any one that we have no difficulty in making lodge members out of the profane; to make good Masons out of lodge members is a more difficult process. A knowledge of the history, teachings, symbolism, juris-prudence, philosophy, ideals and landmarks of our institution should be easily available to all the Craft.

The new Masonic Temple received commendation and progress was made. Not merely for their own Past Grand Masters do the Grand Lodges of the United States summon special meetings to pay the last tribute of respect at their obsequies but they also held a special Communication to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master Nichols of the Grand Lodge of Texas, who died in Washington.

At a special Communication Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of the Children's Building of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Washington December 16th, 1925.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters took part with vigor and virility.

The Grand Master gave an earnest and characteristic address in which he recommended that 1,000 copies of the booklet entitled "Preparation" should be purchased and a copy given to every newly elected candidate with his notification to appear for his E.A. Degree.

From the beginning of his address we take the following:

Masonic principles are as eternal as the everlasting hills. They are today as they have ever been. Rather is it my purpose in this report to tell how those principles have been applied during the period just coming to a close. A Masonic year tells a story of idealism crystalized into action, or, allowed to lie dormant, still but a theory. Whatever tale this year tells you can best judge at the end of this purposely brief report.

An administration without an objective might well be an administration devoid of progress. Our effort for the year had as a primary objective our great project for a United Masonic Temple at Temple Heights; the secondary objective was the development of a better plan of Masonic education in our jurisdiction.

Among his extracts from "Preparation" are the following:

And so there was no hint given you in the paper you signed as to what sort of preparation you should make to become a Freemason. Freemasonry jealously guards her reputation, which is of humility and self-effacement as well as of secrecy and good works.

Freemasonry does not advertise itself. While her contacts with the world are numerous and commonplace, she works so silently, so quietly, that the world knows little of her labors. You seldom hear Freemasonry discussed in public.

You asked a friend to take your petition into his lodge. His lodge is his Masonic home. Around it cluster all those happy memories, all those beautiful thoughts, all those heart-searching experiences, which go with the word "home". You asked him, therefore, to pay you the compliment of taking you into one of the sacred places of his life; in the hope that it will be, and the implied promise that if admitted it shall be, to you one of the sacred places of your life.

You asked not a stranger, but a friend, for this. And his first reply was to direct you to express yourself as to your belief in God.

It does not take a very clever man to see that with such a beginning—the call of friendship, the sacredness of home, and the belief in God—Freemasonry is not a joke, not a foolish fun organization, not a club of "good fellows;" not an organization to join as one

would a Board of Trade, for business purposes. It is obvious to any one who thinks, that Freemasonry must be dignified, beautiful, impressive, that it must have a real meaning, a real part to play in a man's life.

Therefore, Brother-to-be, make your preparations to become a Freemason as you would prepare for any other great and ennobling experience of life.

Now you are notified to present yourself at the West Gate for initiation. When you go, go clean in mind, in body and in heart.

Of Dispensations generally he says with a backbone which we all envy:

Believing that the requests for dispensations were in many instances based on matters of convenience rather than necessity, I let it be known that each request would be considered on its merits, that the showing upon which the request was based should be specific and in detail, and that no request would be granted unless it contained what I regarded as an adequate reason for setting aside a regularly enacted law of this Grand Lodge, which is precisely what a dispensation nearly always does. I also stated that so-called "blanket" dispensations would not be granted under any circumstances.

Under Masonic Clubs we get his views:

I am of the opinion that any group of Masons will ultimately be guided in all their actions by the principles taught them in their lodges and that they will ever be found on the side of right effort. That some of them will stray from the true path is inevitable, but so do some of our lodges on occasion, and it is, to my mind, the duty of Grand Masters to correct these wanderings by fraternal admonition rather than by wholesale condemnation.

Of the Masonic Service Association he says he is more than ever impressed with its usefulness and its capacity for genuine constructive service.

The estimated cost of the new Children's Building at the Home is \$120,000.

With regard to the Employment Bureau he makes this among other recommendations:

That this Grand Lodge announces its unqualified belief that the Employment Office, to be efficient, must be operated on the basis of the established merits of the applicants for positions.

He gives a word of praise to the new Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Keiper and refers to R.W. Bro. Johnston as the Nestor of Masonry.

With regard to Bro. Keiper he says no man can fill this position better and few could fill it so well.

And as to himself in conclusion he says, I now spell "opportunity" "yesterday"—

I called my men from my trenches,
My quarries, my wharves and my sheers;
All I had wrought I abandoned
To the faith of the faithless years.
Only I cut on the timber—
Only I carved on the stone,
"After me cometh a Builder;
Tell him I too, have known."

Subscriptions for The Master Mason have jumped from 2,670 at its inception to 93,618, a notable achievement within three years.

Of R.W. Bro. Randell, the Executive Secretary, the Committee say:

To him in great measure must go the appreciation and praise of all good Masons. May the consciousness of a work so well done compensate him in part for his untiring and devoted efforts.

The Grand Representative of Canada did not answer the Roll Call.

The new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jacobs delivered an address in which he said:

Our recent efforts have been largely devoted to making new Masons. The time has arrived, borrowing a war time expression, to "consolidate our position," making secure the ground already won and preparing for a further advance. The making of new members will not absorb so great a part of our efforts, and attention may be given to making of the newly created members, as well as the older members and the members yet to come, Masons in fact as well as in name.

From the biography of Grand Master Fulkerson we take the following:

These few words tell the story of how he found himself as a writer. He is now the editor of the Kiwanis Magazine and a contributor to numerous other magazines and publications, including the daily newspapers. In a style peculiarly his own, running at will from humor to pathos, marked oft times by serious and apt observations on life in its many and varying phases, his writings are read and enjoyed by many thousands of people in all parts of our country.

M.W. Bro. W. J. Drope of Grimsby, represents the

District of Columbia and Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. Jos. H. Jochum who was commissioned in 1910.

The report on Correspondence by M.W. Bro. George W. Baird is his 25th performance of that important duty.

Under Canada he speaks of the words of hearty welcome of M.W. Bro. Drope extended to the distinguished visitors at our Grand Lodge in Hamilton.

M.W. Bro. Baird is very pronounced and outspoken in his views and we indulge the hope that there may be more like him even though all may not share his point of view exactly. We do appreciate an original thinker. He says:

The Grand Master's remarks on Masonic offenses are to the point, and literally true. We all often sanction by our silence what we know should be condemned. His remarks on the Ku Klux are much more reasonable than some we have read in the reports here in the States, but he does not seem to be informed as to the purpose of the Klan. It is essentially a Protestant organization—Protestant as exemplified by our English and Scotch ancestors, when the Romanists burned Latimer at the stake, or when Martin Luther nailed the vagaries of Rome on the door of the church, but not Protestant *de jure*, like the boot-licking variety we so often see. Of course the Romans leap into the highways and yell at the Klan, like proclaiming a mad dog, and at once the sycophants find words to pacify. But the Ku Klux should never be suffered to hyphenate with Masonry, nor can we ever endorse a hooded order, be it Ku Klux or Benedictine monk. The Grand Master attended the bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which was celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Dublin.

The report on fraternal correspondence is again by Brother Ponton, who has reviewed the transactions of 66 jurisdictions, giving his readers a good synopsis of each, so that they have a clear understanding of just what was said and done in each. He has given our Grand Lodge more space than any other. It is for the year 1924. He notices, with evident pleasure, the reception and the attention we gave Sir Alfred Robbins, and the many friends Sir Alfred left here. He notes the abdication of the Grand Secretary, his honorable retirement, and of the bud which blossomed into his place. He has a word of praise to say of our employment bureau, and of the Masonic Service Association. He has nice compliments for our correspondence report, which is pleasant to the committee. He says our methods are original, our discriminating choice for selection and comment are always satisfying, even though he may not agree with every sentiment recorded in the proceedings. Then to prove his satisfaction with our reviews he quotes more from them than does anybody else. So we indulge the hope that as time goes on he will find less and less of our utterances to be vulnerable.

Under Idaho we again find a unique review, part of which we reproduce for the benefit of those who like a little "stirrur-cup" with a kick in it.

The report on Masonic Education, a learned essay, is au fait, but we cannot help thinking education is not so much needed in the lodges as in the day and Sunday Schools for children. Parochial school children, of a tender age, all are able to tell you that Benedict Arnold, Aaron Burr, and Captain Kidd were all Masons, but how many Sunday School children know who was Forquimada, or Guy Faux, or who were the Huguenots, or that the Spaniards massacred them in Florida, "not because you are French, but because you are Protestants." And how many Masons know that now in Italy lodges are closed, property confiscated and indictments uttered against men for being Masons? And how many know that in Florence, where Savonarola dared to raise his voice against the corruptions of the church, he was burned at the stake, in the public square? Let the little ones read of these things in the encyclopedias. The subject of funeral service was considered, but not definitely settled. This subject has, in our own jurisdiction, made some confusion and occasionally caused a faux pas. In Great Britain there is no Masonic burial service. With us it is essentially a committal service, and should be arranged to avoid friction with the church, which seems the only trouble. We do not pretend to give extreme unction.

The grievance and appeal report is a good one, save that it tells too much. It gives dates and tells of the offenses of bad Masons, which our enemy may use against us. Most Grand Lodges suppress names and specifications and have no trouble in leaving enough for their own information.

Under Pennsylvania he says:

The writer has never had any doubt of the sincerity of the Continental Masons, but has always doubted our ability to make them understand Masonry as we do.

From his conclusion we should judge that M.W. Bro. Baird is a consistent Protestant in every sense of the term. Some would call him "ultra". Space only permits the following illustrative extracts:

Grand Lodges have so far escaped the propaganda of the enthusiasts who are favoring the prohibition of teaching biology in the public schools, and it is hoped we will not take sides. The laws of nature should not be called Darwinism, and if any pastor believes legislation in that direction will help such theories he admits their weakness. We have adopted the Holy Bible.

Education is mentioned in nearly every report we have reviewed. It is not needed so much in the lodges, as in the Sunday Schools and day schools.

"Ma" Ferguson, Governor of Texas, is identified in the minds of some American school students as president of Mexico, and also as habe Ruth. Teapot dome is thought by other students to be a

building in Washington, and still others confuse Mussolini with Battling Siki, and Al Smith with Billy Sunday.

'Temperance doesn't refer only to wine, but to all kinds of excess. More stomachs are injured by over eating than over drinking.

When we all heartily espoused the cause of the temperance advocates in breaking up the saloons we did not suspect the wily politician scented an advantage for his votes, even though it punished the multitude of inoffensive voters.

It is hoped that the fanatics who are urging the prohibition of biology in the schools, may not be as successful as they were in the other prohibition. Every step in the advancement of science during the last two centuries has been opposed by some religion. Harvey was imprisoned for discovering the circulation of the blood, Gallileo for discovering the first principle of the law of gravitation. Prinnelli, who said the stars would not fall, was scourged.

Freemasonry is to be congratulated in having steered clear of the K.K.K., if reports from California are true in reference to its "grafting". No matter how straight its principles may have been, it has fallen from them in California. For our own protection we are obliged to avoid "entangling alliances".

Sydney R. Jacobs, Washington, Grand Master.

J. Claude Keiper, Washington, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT

M.W. Brother Winthrop Buck, Grand Master.

After eight Emergent Communications held during the year the One Hundred and thirty-sixth gathering of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held in Hartford, February 4th, 1925.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters maintained the dignity of the East with the Grand Master.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.

Distinguished visitors from Vermont, New Jersey and Rhode Island were cordially greeted.

Grand Master Buck in his searching address says:

Many Grand Masters have come and gone. Have we maintained the high standards set by our predecessors? Shall we transmit their ideals unimpaired to succeeding generations?

A wonderful addition to our Masonic Home is in process of erection. The numbers have increased but better still the idea is growing that the making of a Mason does not end but rather begins when he has had the sublime degree conferred upon him.

This last thought together with respect for Civil and Masonic law, the comprehension of the real lesson of the Master Mason-degree and the preservation of the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied has been the seed which your Grand Master and his Deputies have endeavored to implant this past year.

The question keeps recurring "have I fought a good fight? Have I kept the faith?"

Of the conference of Grand Lodge Officers held in New York he thus speaks:

It was made clear that the Grand Lodge of New York, which at the time was the only Grand Body of the English speaking nations participating in the deliberations of this International Association, approved of their purposes but not of their principles. Many questions and much discussion followed. It became clear to your Grand Master that the time had not yet arrived for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to enter into relations with this movement.

A letter from the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Duke of Connaught, was read by Sir Alfred and all were made to feel how cordial were the relations between our English brethren and ourselves. Perhaps the point most strongly stressed was the need of our standing together in the maintenance of the Ancient Landmarks.

He further says that there are two great days in the career of each G.M. *one* the Annual, and *two*:

The other is Grand Master's Day at the Masonic Home. All roads in Connecticut must have led to Wallingford on September 27 for a conservative estimate put the attendance as over fifteen hundred.

At the conclusion of this part of the ceremony the crowd drifted over to where our new hospital is going up and posted themselves.

No more sincere tribute has been paid to the Masonic Service Association and to their leader, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, than is paid by the Grand Master:

It has been the good fortune of the writer to listen to Dr. Newton on several occasions, but never before has it been his privilege to listen to such a wonderful Masonic address. As he stood before that distinguished gathering of Masonic leaders of this country, and calmly, eloquently and extemporaneously, with the shadow of Armistice Day and its memories before him, pressed home the great Masonic truths of service, of forbearance, of toleration and love of truth, once could feel the heart throb with joy and gratitude for the

gift of such a soul to a great cause. The keynote of service as expressed in the address of Dr. Newton formed the background around which the further deliberations of the Convention centered.

We returned to our jurisdiction more firmly convinced than ever that the Masonic Service Association has a great future before it; that it presents the only plan for Masonic Service in a broad and enlightened way.

Of their Eastern Star relationship he says:

Our relations with the ladies of the Eastern Star have been most cordial.

Let it be understood that in the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut we feel that the Order is a very commendable one and above all suspicion.

Besides the oratory the ladies as usual took care of the inner man and woman with a bountiful shore dinner.

Speaking of lotteries and kindred subjects the Grand Master thus concludes:

This being so in regard to this one phase of respect for law let us press forward to the point where all the citizens of these United States, Masonic or otherwise, shall have that supreme regard for the law of the land and the constituted authority the lack of which is placing us as a Nation in such poor light.

Membership 42,906.

The Grand Representative of Canada is R.W. Bro. Clarence R. Austin and the Grand Representative of Connecticut in Toronto is R.W. Bro. George H. Smith.

M.W. Bro. George A. Kies, P.G.M. is both Grand Secretary and Grand Correspondent and brings to his task the veteran touch.

Under Arkansas he says:

The Grand Master devotes ten pages to a pessimistic homily on present-day evils and corruption, but finally concludes that "there is room for real optimism in our hearts", through the working of the two powers of the Church and Masonry. He opines that "charges should be filed against every Mason who is known to be a patron of bootleggers".

Under District of Columbia regarding linking the K.K.K. with Masonry he quotes approvingly:

The Ku Klux Klan shames itself by wearing masks and exposes itself to the danger from criminals who have only to mask in order to throw suspicion on the Klan. But, after all, the immunity of the

black hand assassins and of the coal miners and other federated fraternities may lead to some kind of a vigilance committee.

As to "speaking out in meeting" he says under Illinois:

Elmer E. Beach, submits his first correspondence report. We regret to note in his foreword that, as this is his first report, he preferred not to obtrude his individual opinions too much, even though he rightly believes such opinions are not improper. Let out my Brother, let out.

Michigan gives him this opportunity:

Terse philosophy, under British Columbia: "There are ministers who ought to be blacksmiths; and blacksmiths who ought to be ministers."

Under Indiana, although a Christian clergyman, he thus broadmindedly opines regarding music:

"Onward Christian Soldiers" should never be played or sung in third degree work. It is a Christian hymn and belongs by appropriation and sentiment to the Commandery. Nor should this music be used at the constituting of lodges or the dedication of Temples. Think of an orthodox Jew marching to this tune.

Under New Mexico he offers this criticism:

We regret to note that Grand Lodge adopted his recommendation to recognize the schismatic Scottish-Rite-ridden Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. He quotes a long letter from the Grand Master of the latter containing statements some of which are entirely false. But they did not withdraw previous recognition of the York Grand Lodge.

As to New York's attitude towards Germany he speaks straight from the shoulder:

Your reporter as a student sojourned a long time in Germany and hence is fairly familiar with the instinctive nature of that folk. Further, for some time after the beginning of the war, we, being apparently mistaken for a born German, were intermittently bombarded with German propaganda mailed via Italy and Denmark. The virulent hate towards the Entente as brutally expressed in these documents was fairly blood-curdling. Can anyone believe that this maelvolent virus entirely escaped the German Masons? And did not the German Grand Lodges repudiate and condemn the Masonic world at large? Let Germans show fruits for repentance before we begin to coddle them. Frankly, we believe the latter will be a long time coming.

Canada receives careful comment and we take the following extracts from his review:

The Grand Master sounds a wise note of warning in re the doubling of their membership in eight years. He cites a case of careless procedure, saying wisely that "Masonic zeal must be tempered with discretion." To this end, he evokes the "staying influence", of older and more experienced brethren. Let us say, parenthetically, that sometimes even this class of Masons fall down. He stresses the importance of choosing men of wisdom and discretion as Masters and Secretaries.

The Board of Benevolence warns that lodges should use greater care in considering applications for initiation and affiliation, and not admit members who because of financial, physical, or mental conditions are likely to become a charge upon the Fraternity. This wise advice should be heeded everywhere.

The correspondence report, is written mostly by William N. Ponton. Conn., gets nearly five pages of cordial review.

Western Australia furnishes the following parting shots for our Brother Kies, whose hospitality with that of his colleagues, this reviewer well remembers:

Under California, where the good O.E.S. women are helping the Masonic Homes as they do in Conn., Brother McMullen confesses:

We confess to a certain antagonism to the Order of the Eastern Star, but on reading the account of the magnificent, noble work that Order is doing for the weak and helpless in those Homes we respectfully raise our hat.

Anent a statement (of course entirely erroneous) that "Freemasonry is American," R.W. A. C. McCallum humorously counters:

When the writer was in the United States not very long ago, an acquaintance there claimed that "rocking chairs" were an American invention. Not knowing anything to the contrary that statement was accepted. Then another one claimed that grape fruit was first propagated in America, although we had hitherto believed it originated in one of the Eastern Countries. However, as we had no facts to put forward, that statement also was accepted; but when a lady claimed that oysters were an entirely American institution, we were obliged to take exception to the remark, notwithstanding the fact that we have always been taught "it is rude to contradict a lady, even when you know she is wrong." As far as we know Freemasonry was brought to America from another country, and the statement that it is American we place on the level with the story of the oysters.

At the same time, it should be said that in all probability the one who made the statement that Freemasonry is American, may not have meant more than to imply that Masonic ideals were in exact accord with Americanism *in its best sense*.

Water T. Arnold, Meriden, M.W. Grand Master.

George A. Kies, Hartford, M.W. Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE

M.W. Brother Charles D. Bird, Grand Master.

After several Emergent Communications for the laying of Cornerstones of Public Schools, Community Buildings, Churches, etc., the One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication was held at Wilmington, October 7th, 1925.

The next Annual will be held at Wilmington, October 6th, 1926.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were active factors in the transactions of Grand Lodge.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. William H. Weeks.

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Jersey were welcomed.

In his business-like address the Grand Master said:

You have been selected by your lodges to represent them at this important meeting and I would caution each one to weigh carefully all matters that are presented here for your decision. The power you possess is even greater than that of the Grand Master, for you enact the laws from which he is bound, by sacred promises, not to deviate.

Of DeMolay he expresses this favourable opinion:

All the aims of this organization are praiseworthy, but surely that essential which tends to make better boys, better men, better citizens is a factor in itself. An institution working with such symbols as the Holy Bible, the American Flag and the School-books, is surely worthy of our interest and support.

The Masonic Home has this worthy word of commendation:

No one activity of our Grand Lodge is more deserving of our earnest co-operation than is our Masonic Home. In no similar Home, with which I am acquainted, are the individual requirements of each guest given such personal and particular attention. In saying this, I commend most heartily the untiring efforts of the Board of Managers, the Superintendent and his wife, and all those who have so unselfishly labored for its welfare.

While we point with pride to what is being done for those who are helpless by reason of age, let us not forget that our duty is only half fulfilled until we have made equal provision for those who are helpless by reason of youth. In other words, Delaware Masonry

should never rest contented until full and adequate provision is made for the support and education of the children of our deceased members.

Grand Lodge visited the Home in a body and were there addressed by the three visiting Grand Masters.

Among his decisions are the following:

The original Charter (not a photograph) must be displayed in the Lodge Room when the lodge is in session.

A member whose name has been legally changed may have issued to him a membership card showing his name as changed.

And in his conclusion he pays a glowing tribute to the Grand Secretary who made a 100% record in fidelity and in official visits.

Membership 5,912. Net gain 58.

The Committee on Necrology say:

The lure of life forbids us to envy them the distinction that is theirs, but the pain of parting bids us extend the hand of sympathy to those whose ties of love and friendship have been severed.

These are the fine expressions of grateful hearts for great lives lived and unselfish service rendered, the last tokens of fraternal affection for brothers who have born the heat and burden of the day.

Delaware is represented near Canada by W. Bro. Robert A. Klock.

The review of Proceedings is in the experienced hands of M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, P.G.M., who says under Alabama as the proper conception of Brotherhood:

We want to get away from all this and let's begin now by touching elbows with all the brethren, giving each other the handclasp of friendship and brotherly regard, telling each other who we are and passing judgment on no one until we know all the facts, or at least make inquiry to ascertain the facts from each viewpoint.

Such an attitude will obviate many misunderstandings and give us that faith in human nature and in ourselves that will add much to the sum total of human happiness and our own peace of mind.

Frankness in dealing one with the other, and especially in statements made, will go a long ways in bringing about that mutual confidence and esteem that must be the basis of Brotherhood.

His review of Canada is concentrated and courteous. He speaks of our many activities as expressed in the

Grand Master's address and quotes his good words. He refers to the condition of the Craft as shown in the detailed reports of the D.D.G.M.'s

He says as to our fraternal review. Liberal selections from the Address of Grand Master Bamberger and from the report of the Committee on Necrology are reproduced, of the latter he says: "The following beautiful paragraph from the Committee on Necrology is worthy of the high vision that Masonic symbolism suggests and upholds."

New Zealand gives him these steadying thoughts:

Amidst all the change and hurrying, not only individuals but institutions are being judged hastily and sometimes unfairly. Freemasonry is being so judged sometimes by our individual failures. This is not right.

Individual judgment is never perfect. It is ever prone to look upon the apparent and to overlook the actual.

Even the Church of the Great Living God is sometimes unable, owing to its unhappy divisions, to speak with that united clarion-like voice that men are longing for.

Amidst all this confusion and stress man often does not know which way to point his feet he does not know which way to face. Some, however, see in Freemasonry at least one institution that is universal in its scope, broad and expansive in its teachings, that rejects all partisan theories, condemns all sectarian animosities, and urges its members to be faithful to their Church.

And from the artesian well of Pennsylvania he draws the following bucket of tonic refreshment and admonition.

The confidence rightfully placed by the lodge upon the integrity of the recommenders ought to inspire such a pride and sense of responsibility as to preclude the signing of a petition for Initiation and Membership, unless the petitioner is so thoroughly known that the recommender can attest not only to knowing him in a general sense, but that he can and does certify to his high moral character, his good standing in his community, his ability to earn an honest livelihood and his fitness to be made a Mason. * * * The use of the blackball is a right secured to every Master Mason, which he should be permitted to exercise without supervisory interference or questioning by any brother. It is not only the greatest protection we have to safeguard the Fraternity when rightfully used, but on the other hand, in the hands of one who is unworthy to wear the badge of a Mason it not unfrequently works a very great injury to the lodge, by denying admittance to those who are in every way worthy and thus the craft is made to suffer." It has already been decided that "the ballot is not to be polluted by petty malice." and one who thus wields the power which Masonry gives him, and excludes from our lodges those

against whom there is no other objection, has been declared by Grand Lodge "to violate his obligation, to be a foe to Masonry and false to every principle of duty and right and unfit to belong to the Craft."

James P. Pierce, Milford, Grand Master.

John F. Robinson, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, M.W. Grand Master.

Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master.

In so far as the separate leaflets of Proceedings will permit we will review the Mother Grand Lodge of the world with the hope again expressed that they will be induced in the near future to publish a volume of Annual Proceedings worthy of their splendid traditions, their glorious present and their assured future.

The Annual Grand Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, 29th April, 1925, when the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Granville Grenfell proclaimed the Grand Master "the Most High, Most Mighty, and Illustrious Prince, Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve."

The following telegram of greetings on the triple event celebrated was sent by the Pro Grand Master Lord Ampthill:

Grand Lodge assembled on Wednesday for your Royal Highness's Installation, rejoiced in the happy coincidence of the 25th year of your Grand Mastership and the 50th year of your membership of the Fraternity, and regarded it as a good augury for the success of the great endeavour which, under the leadership and at the inspiration of our Grand Master, is to be crowned on August 8. In wishing your Royal Highness many happy returns of the day, we are united in fervent prayer that your wise and beneficent rule over the Craft may be long continued.

The G. D. of C. then proclaimed the Right Hon. Arthur Oliver Villiers, Baron Ampthill of Ampthill in Bedford, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Pro Grand Master of

the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England for the ensuing year.

From the address of the Pro Grand Master we make the following admirable extracts:

I wish to make it clear that the conferment of Grand Rank is a personal distinction and not a lodge recognition. It is an honour to any lodge to have a Grand Officer among its members; but the lodges which are not so fortunate have no more cause to complain than towns and villages which do not happen to be the birthplace of eminent citizens. Even if Grand Rank were given as a recognition to lodges, it would obviously be impossible to satisfy 4,000 lodges with the fifty appointments which the Grand Master has at his disposal. Nothing short of a miracle on the lines of the miracle of the loaves and fishes could meet a requirement of that kind.

It would not be possible for the Grand Master to deal single-handed with all the matters which are left to his determination; and he, therefore, summons to his assistance, as all his predecessors have done, some of his principal Officers, and particularly those whose tenure of office is not restricted to a single year. The Committee of personal advisers thus formed is known as the Grand Master's Council. This is a natural and legitimate outcome of the authority vested in the Grand Master by the Grand Lodge of England.

What then should be the reciprocal duty and striving of Grand Officers? All of them should realize that they have very definite duties. There is ample scope for the work of all within the Craft. They have their duty already—a duty which may well occupy their thoughts and give them cause for special endeavour every day of their lives. That is the duty of proving to the world by the way in which they speak of Masonry and act towards Masonry, as well as by their conduct in public and private life, the happy and beneficial effects of our ancient Institution. There is also, of course, the duty of setting a marked example in speech and conduct at any lodge meeting which they attend. Thus only can we maintain and enhance the value and distinction of Grand Rank. Thus only can we make it impossible for other Brethren to envy us our preferment. Thus only can we be truly united in the grand design of being happy and promoting happiness.

Quarterly Communication was held 3rd June, 1925, the Grand Master on the Throne. Here are some well-known names.

R.W. Viscount Lascelles, K.G., D.S.O., Senior Grand Warden; Sir Alfred Robbins, President Board of General Purposes and our own Worshipful Brother Colonel Sir George McLaren Brown, K.B.E., Senior Grand Deacon, Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. C. E. P. Sankey, D.S.O., P.G. Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. Lt.-Col. Warren Hastings, P.G.G.

Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. Sydney A. White, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Visitors from Victoria and Tasmania were welcomed.

Ten brethren were nominated and elected to be members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

To give an idea of the most generous relief given by this wonderful Grand Lodge we take the following returns which represent a fair average of each month throughout the year. On the 18th of March, 1925, £2,605 Sterling were distributed, on the 22nd April £2,905 and on the 20th May £2,255. Translate these totals into dollars and multiply them by four and we realize the magnitude of the annual result.

With regard to the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland the Board say:

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, as second in antiquity to the Grand Lodge of England, has exercised so great an influence for good in the 200 years of its corporate existence, that every English Freemason will earnestly pray for its long-continued happiness and prosperity.

A portrait of the Pro-Grand Master by Sir Arthur Cope, R.A., is now in the Royal Academy and will be sent to the Art Gallery in Liverpool before being placed in Freemasons' Hall.

This reviewer has delightful memories of the reception in 1924 referred to in the following:

It is proposed again to hold receptions at Freemasons' Hall in welcome of such brethren from the various parts of the Empire as will be in London for the second season of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. A welcome will be given to brethren of not only our own Constitution, but members of Sovereign Jurisdictions in various parts of the Empire. Opportunity thus will be provided for their meeting the M.W. Pro Grand Master and other leading Brethren of the Craft, an opportunity which was gladly availed of by more than 350 Overseas Brethren who attended the two receptions held last year. The Board adds the hope that Private Lodges desiring to take the opportunity for welcoming the Dominions' Brethren at their meetings, will apply to the Grand Secretary for the names of such as would be most likely to attend.

The Grand Lodge of Chile and the Grand Lodge of Ecuador were recommended for recognition. The following remarks were made on the motion:

The Grand Lodge of Ecuador has received recognition from the majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States of America, and neither the Grand Lodge of Ireland nor the Grand Lodge of Scotland has advanced any reason against the granting of recognition. The requirements of the United Grand Lodge of England as to the belief in God and a future existence are fully satisfied. There are no English warranted lodges in the Republic of Ecuador, and, therefore, we have no rights to surrender or conditions to impose.

Among the deaths of prominent Masons were the following: the Earl of Cork, the Duke of Rutland, Viscount Milner, Viscount Leverhulme.

The total income for the quarter ending 19th of May was over £34,000 Sterling. We can scarcely realize that in one three months this great amount should have been paid into this great Treasury of Good Works.

Our friend Colonel Hamilton Wedderburn of the "Canada Quartette" was elected one of the four London Representatives on the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary was congratulated on his Knighthood and among the appointed members of the Board of General Purposes we find V.W. Bro. Stanley Machin, Past Grand Treasurer, prominent in the British Chamber of Commerce, to whom this reviewer is personally indebted for many courtesies.

With regard to the Masonic Peace Memorial the following paragraph has reference to the co-operation of the sister Dominions, Ontario doing her share by a grant of \$1,000:

Brethren generally will be highly gratified to learn that certain Sovereign Grand Lodges in the Dominions have expressed a special desire to be associated with the movement, in testimony of their appreciation of an effort displaying the essential unity of not only the British Empire but English Freemasonry. The Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria have intimated their desire to be represented in permanent form in certain portions of the new Building, where this proof of their affection and esteem for the Mother Grand Lodge of the World will always be welcome.

As a result of plans having been received from all parts of the world, and in view of the necessity for giving ample time for preparation of detailed plans and designs for the Second Competition the final selection cannot be made before the spring of next year.

The Pro Grand Master and the Grand Master exchanged courtesies at the close of the meeting saying among other good things:

In the first place, we rejoice to see your Royal Highness restored to health and among us again. We cannot help associating with this year all its coincidences—the 25th anniversary of your Royal Highness' Grand Mastership, the 50th anniversary of your admission to the Craft, and your own 75th birthday. They are all very hopeful auguries. We hope that in generations to come the Memorial on which your Royal Highness has set your heart, will denote, more than anything else, all the great features of the epoch of Freemasonry which we have passed through under your Royal Highness's auspices.

In his reply the Grand Master said:

Talking of anniversaries, we are assembled here today on the Birthday of our Gracious Sovereign, the Protector of this Craft (loud applause); and I feel that I should be wanting in my duty as your Grand Master if I did not express the wish, in the name of the whole of the brethren, that His Majesty may live long and that his reign may be as successful in the future as it has been in the past; we congratulate him on his 60th birthday and with your permission I will take the next opportunity of conveying good wishes in the name of the Brethren. (continued applause).

Grand Lodge met again 2nd September, 1925.

From the account of the Masonic Peace Memorial held at Olympia on August 8th, we take the following telegram to the King and also the added greetings of the Pro Grand Master in his triumphant speech:

Seven thousand Freemasons assembled at Olympia in order to carry towards completion The Masonic Peace Memorial, beg to express their loyal devotion to your throne and person. We pray that Almighty God may give you long life, health, and happiness.

If I may say so, this great meeting speaks for itself. We have come in our thousands from every part of England and from every part of the globe, in willing and cheerful obedience to Your Royal Highness' invitation. We have come to demonstrate to Your Royal Highness that the appeal which you addressed to us six years ago seemed to us to be one that was demanded for the honour, reputation, and usefulness of the Craft.

We have come to express our loyal admiration of the leadership under which we were called upon to undertake the right thing at the right moment, the steadfast and undaunted leadership which has kept us to our great task for the past six years, in spite of many difficulties and many discouragements.

We have also come to show the result of our labours and endeavours, and to express our hope that it will not be in any way disappointing to Your Royal Highness.

Our Grand Master has held up to each and every one of us an example of single-minded and unwearying devotion to public duty an example of the faithful performance of those very duties which we

enjoin upon every Initiate, and an example of noble fortitude under personal sorrow and affliction.

Our new Temple will rise not only as a Memorial to the dead, but also as a sign and an inspiration to the living, so that the new generation may persist with renewed zeal in the building of that invisible Temple not made with hands, which is the ultimate and highest object of our Fraternity.

At the close of the meeting the Grand Master said:

My thanks are due to everyone who has assisted in attaining this result, and I would wish to refer specially to the support given by Brethren from overseas, the majority of whom can never hope to see the new Building. It is sometimes difficult to convince men of their responsibilities in matters outside their immediate localities; and I should like our overseas brethren to know how proud I am of their co-operation and loyalty.

This spirit has also been exemplified by the desire of certain of our Daughter Grand Lodges in the Dominions to have their names identified, in some way, with the effort of the Mother Grand Lodge; and this I feel sure, will be a source of gratification to us all. It makes one more link in the chain of affection and regard which binds together every portion of the British Empire. I am pleased to welcome to this meeting two Past Grand Masters of those Daughter Grand Lodges.

Freemasonry already has done much to foster and deepen the unity of feeling which has existed so long among all the English-speaking peoples. In our future building there will be a greater opportunity of still further fostering this spirit, as our new Headquarters are intended to be a rallying point for brethren from all parts.

And the conclusion is thus summarized:

The Grand Master having made a tour of the Hall, accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of York, H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, and attended by the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and the Grand Secretary, returned to the dais amid loud and continued cheering, and said: Brethren, I thank you again for your attendance to-day; I now wish you good-bye and good luck.

On the 17th of June, 1925, £3,045 was dispensed for benevolence. This is a record.

A long and most interesting discussion took place upon the wearing of jewels and medals upon a motion that the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

No honorary or other jewel, medal, device, or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge unless it appertains to or is consistent with those degrees which are recognized and

acknowledged by the Grand Lodge as part of pure and Ancient Masonry, and has been approved by the Grand Master.

At once a storm of protest arose from members protesting that this would exclude Military Medals and decorations. The President of the Board of General Purposes finally suggested as follows:

Therefore, M.W. Pro Grand Master, I ask that any question regarding the wearing of Medals in Lodges may not in any way be considered until the next Quarterly Communication. Meantime, I thank most cordially those brethren who have spoken to-night for the aid they have given.

The Quarterly Communication of the 2nd of December, 1925, was full of interest. We transcribe in full the message of Grand Lodge to His Majesty introduced by the M.W. the Pro Grand Master:

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty. May it Please Your Majesty,

We, the Members of the Fraternity known as the Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch) by our representatives in Grand Lodge assembled, do venture humbly to express our respectful and profound sympathy with Your Majesty in the sorrow caused by the death of Her late Majesty, Queen Alexandra.

While we share the feelings of grief and veneration in the hearts of all Your Majesty's loyal subjects, we, as Freemasons, have special reasons for sorrow at the passing of the Queen Mother. Her late Majesty for very many years, first as consort of our late Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, afterwards as consort of His Majesty King Edward VII, Protector of our Order, and then until now, had been Chief Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, displaying an active interest in the welfare of both that Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which has resulted in the accomplishment of great good.

In thus expressing our deep regret, we would ask leave to assure Your Majesty of our sustained loyalty to Your Throne and Person; and to add the constant prayer of each Member of our Fraternity dwelling in every portion of Your Majesty's Empire that, under the blessing of Almighty God, Your Majesty may continue to reign happily for many years over a loyal, prosperous and contented people.

Brethren, for the past twelve days the shadow of grief has brooded over the Nation. There is no home in England, no British home in any part of the world, in which the death of Queen Alexandra has not caused a feeling of real sorrow, and of heartfelt sympathy with His Majesty the King.

Let us reflect with gratitude on all that those who look to "this sceptred isle, this blessed plot, this realm, this England," as their home or the home of their fathers, owe to the example of Queen Victoria, Queen Alexandra, and our gracious Queen Mary.

In seconding the motion the veteran Deputy Grand Master, Sir Frederick Halsey said

I am proud that it falls to me to second this resolution, rather than to many or most of those present, for I am one of those still with you who was a witness of the arrival of Queen Alexandra in London. I, therefore, have had somewhat extended opportunities of seeing her, and of bearing witness to the beauty of her noble qualities, the charm she displayed, and the love she gained from her very first arrival in this land. From her early career, she began by winning the affection and esteem of the whole nation. Let me ask you to think how many people are there who have lived in the burning light of the public eye for so many years who have never at any time had a drawback to their popularity or in the applause of the multitudes. I think we can safely say that Queen Alexandra from the first won our hearts, and has retained that affection without interruption to the end of her time.

The report of the Board of General Purposes opens with the following:

The Board is glad to be able to report that the Reception given on September 3rd at Freemasons' Hall, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to meet a number of Overseas Brethren then visiting England, was as decided a success as the similar functions of last year. The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, accompanied by other leading members of the Craft, received the visiting brethren, each of whom was presented with a silver souvenir of the occasion, bearing the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Sir Alfred Robbins in his address spoke as follows:

In accordance with precedent—long established precedent—it is requested that Private Lodges will not go beyond Grand Lodge in this matter, and pass resolutions or addresses of their own to His Majesty. This, M.W. Pro Grand Master, is in accordance with a rule of Grand Lodge, established over one hundred and ten years ago. The M.W. Grand Master of that time laid it down, and Grand Lodge agreed with him, that, on all occasions, addresses or petitions to the Sovereign should go, not direct but to the Grand Secretary, for him to consider whether they were fitting to present to the Grand Master for communication to the Throne. It, therefore, is hoped that on the present occasion no endeavour will be made by Private Lodges to go against the direct ruling of Grand Lodge.

Attention has been called since the last meeting of the Board to the publication in extensively circulated newspapers of an advertisement of a so-called "Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry for Men and Women," about which it is announced that it "works on regular masonic lines, uses orthodox rituals, and preserves the

ancient customs and established landmarks of Freemasonry." This unauthorized body has a London habitation and a name; but at the London address given in the advertisement no information can be obtained as to its organization or officership. In any case, it clearly comes with in the category of those unauthorized pseudo-Masonic bodies named to Grand Lodge by the Board.

The Board will continue to exercise its disciplinary powers towards any member of a lodge working under the English Jurisdiction, who violates his obligation by being present at or assisting in assemblies professing to be Masonic which are attended by women.

Every Grand Lodge has its stormy petrel who with the best intentions possible apparently manages to bring up matters of controversy at the most unexpected moment. Among them would appear to be W. Bro. Colonel Cobbett who generally manages to distinguish himself with the best of good design no doubt, in this respect. Sometimes these men who will ask questions and rise to points of order fulfill a most useful purpose as a spur and as warning to Committees to move within their province.

With regard to the proposed amendments to the Constitution the Pro Grand Master said in the most conciliatory way.

We now present to Grand Lodge the fruit of prolonged thought by earnest and experienced brethren from all parts of the Jurisdiction, charged by the Constitutions with the special duty. We would not claim them as the final word; that rests with Grand Lodge, but we would suggest that, while it is impossible to please everyone in such a difficult matter, we have done our best to meet every practical suggestion. Therefore, we ask Grand Lodge to accept them in the form now offered, with the assurance that, if in their working, defects are discovered, we shall be prepared, after full experience, to submit them to the Board of General Purposes. We are meeting tonight in a very exceptional time. Only yesterday was signed the great Treaty of Locarno, and there was an expression of Masonic brotherly feeling that has never been known since the war. It is prevailing to-day, and I venture to make a sporting suggestion here. We are now here in the heart of Masonry having certain Rules and Regulations submitted to us for carrying on more effectively some points of difficulty. They have been considered, as I have said, by men you have trusted. Why not to-night give them a chance for, say, two years, to see how they work? If they do not work, alter them and amend them.

The words "at once" having been used in one of the resolutions on the objection of a Brother, the Chairman W. Bro. Sir Kynaston Studd substituted for them "with-

out unnecessary delay". A fine spirit was exemplified throughout the debate.

Under the heading of the great Memorial Temple about to be erected the Board said:

The desire of independent Masonic Jurisdictions in fraternal relationship with the United Grand Lodge of England to be in some way associated with the great undertaking on which the English Craft has embarked, has been most lately shown in expressions of cordial sympathy with the movement from the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and that of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. each of which has requested the acceptance of a donation of \$1,000 towards the scheme.

R. W. Sir P. Colville Smith, Grand Secretary, London.

FLORIDA

M. W. Brother T. T. Todd, Grand Master.

The Ninety-sixth Annual was held in Jacksonville, April 21st, 1925.

Nine Past Grand Masters supported the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.

The Grand Master in his practical address said with confident optimism:

The business meeting of the Grand Lodge is the source from which the progress and success of our Order emanate, for here we adopt new methods of procedure, authorize the expenditure of our funds, and in fact dictate the whole policy of our various enterprises.

The power you possess is even greater than that of the Grand Master, for you enact the law by which his decisions are governed, and from which he is bound by sacred promises not to deviate.

You will be delighted to learn that at no time in the history of our Grand Lodge have we been so favorably situated. The bonds of indebtedness on this building have been retired with the exception of \$14,000 in Home securities. The property of our Home at St. Petersburg is entirely clear of incumbrance.

The future is indeed bright for Masonry, for it is founded upon principles which insure its perpetuity, and composed almost wholly of men of sterling character striving for the success of its missions, proud of their identity with it and jealous of its good name.

Florida is erecting monuments to all her Past Grand Masters, a worthy tribute:

Of the Masonic Service Association the Grand Master says:

The Masonic Service Association is trying to help us build our lodges into helpful, interesting and instructive meeting places by furnishing special programs, lectures with stereopticon views, and many other details which would keep our members informed and inspired.

I would not have you think that the actual conduct of lodge affairs and the conferring of degrees are not interesting and most instructive, but each meeting is a repetition of the one preceding it.

He calls the chain prayer not merely foolish but malicious and says:

There seems to be no doubt but that the original sender has designs on Masonry, and that he circulates this splutter with the intention of causing trouble and confusion.

Of prohibition he thinks there is no middle ground as to *obeying the law*. He says:

Although the Grand Lodge of Florida has legislated against the traffic in liquor by its members, there has been no attempt to control their opinions as to the question of prohibition.

At this point in his address occurs an insertion of pages regarding apparently chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star as we read the following:

Sister Amelia Huehl, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, and Brother George J. Kurzenknabe, were given great applause, which evinced to them their pride in "their very own".

And this:

Office-seeking and electioneering for office are out of place in our Order. They are contrary to all Masonic and Eastern Star principles. The office should seek the individual rather than the individual the office, and electioneering for office should be strongly condemned. This rule applies with equal force to electioneering for office in the Grand Chapter.

And this:

When the Grand Officers were in their proper places the curtain was raised, showing a lovely May party, with children dancing around the May-pole while others were sitting on the grass wearing garlands of flowers.

And this:

The Grand Patron made himself useful.

It is interesting to get a glimpse of the close connection of the Craft and the Star in this perhaps accidental way.

Then apparently "Florida" comes back to normal, and among the Grand Master's many decisions we find the following:

Would it be proper to hold the installation of officers in the parish house of the Episcopal church?

While we may invite the public to our installation ceremonies, yet the lodge room is the only proper place to hold the installation.

Our installations in Canada are sealed to the public.

What action should be taken on a petition of a man 72 years of age?

The fact that the petitioner is 72 years of age should not act as a bar to membership, in itself, provided he is in full possession of his faculties.

I called attention to the fact that Freemasonry is not an eleemosynary institution and that the candidate should possess a competency sufficient to insure him from becoming a charity upon the Fraternity.

A lodge had petitions of four applicants, commonly known as Gypsies, who claim residence within the jurisdiction of the lodge, but who travel about the country and spend very little time at home. The lodge inquired how, under such circumstances, investigation could be made of their characters.

It would be the duty of the investigating committee to make a very rigid investigation into the character, habits and method of gaining a livelihood of these applicants, and in the event a favorable opinion could not be established, they should so report to the lodge.

A petitioner had received one degree in Italy.

He would be obliged to renounce his Italian Masonry before his petition could be accepted; I sent the Master a form of renunciation such as is used in cases of this kind.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home thus conclude their report:

We are most happy to announce that it would be a difficult task indeed to surpass or equal the almost unqualified degree of happiness that exists in this beloved family of ours, and thank God that we are permitted to take part and contribute to this most desirable and satisfactory condition that now exists; may it ever continue.

Membership 25,871. Net increase 1,643.

R.W. Bro. George W. Clendenan represents Florida and M.W. Bro. Silas B. Wright represented Canada near Florida, but unfortunately he passed away on April 25th before the closing of Grand Lodge.

The Correspondence Report only covers a few of the Jurisdictions owing to the illness of M.W. Bro. Wright, who died before completing the reviews.

Canada however received his friendly attention and he details fully the reception accorded to Grand Lodge in Toronto adding also the following:

At the request of the Grand Master a number of Past Masters who had been more than twenty-five years members of lodges and all of whom had served in the World War were invited to seats on the platform. An eloquent and interesting address of welcome by the Master of the local lodge was responded to briefly by one of the "veterans" who was a remarkably fluent and interesting speaker.

The Grand Master presented and read his regular annual address which was well written and very interesting.

He speaks of the greater part of the work being done, as in most English constitutions, by the Board of General Purposes, and concludes:

Florida was written by the Chairman of the Committee. He gives us six pages and general commendation. He approves of our correspondence report for that year and makes several excerpts.

Under Missouri he says as to a disabled applicant:

He can perform the necessary ceremonies. It is for such a ruling as this that the expression has become general that "Missouri believes in wooden arms and legs where necessary."

They also decided that a "Master Mason shall not be buried with the Masonic funeral ceremonies unless he was at the time of his death in good standing in a regular lodge in the state."

He noticed the request made by a sojourning brother in Florida belonging to a lodge in continental Europe requesting that the lodge have his body cremated and the ashes taken out to sea and "scattered to the four winds."

And he adds this rather interesting analysis in the form of an interrogation as to our knowledge of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in the War of Revolution, (or was it Evolution?)

DID YOU KNOW?

That there were fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence?

Twenty-six were lawyers?

Eight were mechanics?

Seven were farmers?

Six were physicians?

Two were soldiers?

Two were statesmen?

One was a sailor?

One was a surveyor?

One was a printer?

One was a shoemaker?

One was a minister?

The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin, printer, aged 70?

The youngest signer was Edward Rutledge, lawyer, aged 26?

The last survivor among the signers, Charles Carroll, died November 14th, 1832, aged 95?

That with four or five exceptions all were Masons?

No we did not.

M.W. Bro. Wright will be succeeded by M.W. Bro. Ely P. Hubbell.

Lamar G. Carter, Gainesville, M.W. Grand Master.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, R.W. Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA

R.W. Brother James D. Hamrick, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication was held in Macon, October 27th, 1925, the brethren singing "How Firm a Foundation."

The medal for Distinguished Service was presented to W. Bro. Edgar A. McHan, with whom we have an intimate acquaintance in the Royal Craft.

Brothers Cash and Andrews of North Carolina, were fittingly introduced.

Grand Master Carmichael of Alabama, in his reply to his welcome said:

It is not the words that we express, but it's the sentiment that is created in our hearts, that is lived out in our lives. It is that part that we love day by day.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. C. Percy Taylor.

The Representative of Louisiana in his reply said:

So we in Louisiana are trying to light our lanterns in Masonry.

And thus he closed with a saving grace of humor:

With reference to getting acquainted, as it were, between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Lodge of Georgia, I feel somewhat like the young girl who announced to a girl friend of hers with reference to a young man who had been calling to see her regularly. She said, "No more will his footsteps come upon the porch at 7:00 p.m. No more shall the hall lights be burning for him twice regularly each week; no more will he sit by my side and tell me that he loves me, and furthermore, I'm going to destroy all my love letters". "Why," said the girl friend, "are you going to give him up?" Whereupon her friend told her, no, but they were going to get married.

From the Grand Master's message we take these paragraphs:

May a halo of fraternal love surround us in all our labors to advance the cause of Freemasonry, to uplift humanity and to fill the hearts that are aching for just a little more sympathy than we have been giving.

Someone has said: "Show me the man who can hold on where others let go; who pushes ahead where others turn back; who firmly stands up where others retreat; who knows no such words as can't or give up, and I will show you a man who will win in the end, no matter what barriers oppose, no matter what obstacles confront. Such a man we would have every Mason be, the tenacious type who can and will hold on where others are letting go. This thing we call "sticktoitiveness" is greatly needed these days when so many dash hither and yon, blinded by the false glamor of life.

Closely following upon this determination to hold on is the will which pushes ahead; moral courage, if you please, to support all that is right and worthy in life.

Eleven corner-stones were placed in ample form during the year. We must try to emulate this record in Canada next year and not allow the custom to be more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

Of the Director of Masonic Welfare, the much beloved Charlie Bass, the Grand Master says:

He can melt a heart of stone and make angels of men. Such qualities can only be found in the brain and heart of Masons like our Director of Masonic Welfare.

His love and devotion to our children at the Home cannot be excelled. He is as tender and loving as a mother, a kind and considerate father to the children and the Masons of Georgia. His heart is aglow with good wishes, his hand is out-stretched.

Of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Home he uses these appreciative words:

These good sisters know where and when to do good and how the good done will bring the most happiness to the children in our Home. In their arteries flows warm red blood.

They are trying to make the children feel that they have seventy thousand fathers and mothers who love them. They have bought books and magazines for the children, that their brains might be polished and their lives made happy.

Of smoking in the precincts of the lodge-room he says:

Such practice is not in keeping with the sacred ceremonies of our Order, is not in place in the precincts of our halls dedicated to Freemasonry, virtue and benevolence, and not in accord with the dignity and sacredness of the exalted and sublime ceremonies of the fraternity.

He speaks of their Home as "our noblest charity and our greatest work". There are in the Home 169, 2 women, 85 boys and 84 girls and 126 of them are members of the Evangelical Churches.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address cannot say too much in his praise:

He has at all times shown the courage of his convictions. Surgeon as he is, he has not hesitated to apply the principles of surgery to his rule of the Craft. Always admonishing with kindness, yet in the end if this was not effective he never hesitated to cut deep.

Membership 69,821.

M.W. Bro. A. B. Andrews of North Carolina, delivered an excellent educational address in which he said:

If Masonry stands for anything, it is for an equal opportunity for each bright boy or girl, who has demonstrated a capacity for an education, irrespective of whether his parents be well-to-do or poor.

We all know that public school teachers come, not from the homes of the well-to-do, but from the small towns and from the farms. Many of them are the bright and intelligent daughters of people working for small wages, others the children of tenant farmers—that class of people usually designated as the common people—of whom President Abraham Lincoln said "God Almighty certainly must have loved the common people, because he made so many of

them." This Masonic Loan Fund is accessible to the more deserving young women and men at these various colleges, whose deservedness and educational capacity is judged by the college authorities, so that there may be no mistake.

Charles L. Bass says in his report:

The policy of making our Institution a Home is being carried out in every particular and the happiness and training of each individual child the aim of all connected with it. The boys and girls we are sending out justifies all of our efforts and their success in life is a sufficient reward for all our labors. The Home is not a liability but an asset. Those who go out from it go and illustrate Masonry.

A cottage is being built for Tubercular Children at Alto to cost \$56,000. Have we no need in Canada?

In vindicating earnestly the career of an honored brother aspersed, Past Grand Master Ballard thus earnestly concludes:

Let us remove as far as the East is from the West this suspicion. Oh suspicion! The foulest of serpents, striking at a character that may have been a lifetime in the building.

In presenting a Past Grand Master's jewel Bro. Raymund Daniel gracefully said:

There is a story told in Scotland how after the death of Robert Bruce, some of those who loved him most took his heart from his body and kept it enshrined in a jeweled case. Afterward when his warriors and followers went forward, there was inaugurated the custom of throwing the heart of Robert Bruce into the fray and the Scottish clans dashed on in their impetuosity, as there floated before them the cry, "The heart of Robert Bruce goes forward."

In those days to come, as we look back at yesterday's achievements we can know that in all we do, the heart of Hamrick is going forward.

The Fraternal Review is by Raymund Daniel, Grand Correspondent, who precedes his report by something far more than a prologue or essay on "Applicative Freemasonry" in the course of which he says with characteristic earnestness and conviction:

The purpose and the end of Freemasonry are two-fold; a better man in a better world—or a better world in which there are better men.

In the commonwealth of the Hebrews, all authority for law was from God and not from military or temporal power, and all Hebraic statutes were binding upon all and for the advantage of all.

There developed within the Fraternity a factor known as the "ritualist." He is not to be confused with the advocate of efficient rendition of the degrees for inspiring the candidate for the desire of knowledge.

A "ritualist" differs entirely from such a teacher. The "ritualist" makes of the symbols a god; around ritualism he has woven a religion and science. In the Holy of Holies, he has builded an altar of theatrical drama and in his desire for ritualistic proficiency has overlooked the ideal for which the symbol stands.

The danger that confronts our beloved Fraternity is an intensified desire for outward pomp and pageantry and an increase in numbers. Too much we are overlooking the need for inward progress in tone and quality. We are more in danger from within than from without. The alarm is being made upon the inner door.

In the applicative Freemasonry, there are three fundamental principles. They are:

1. Harmony, or the indwelling of God in Humanity, and the brotherhood of man centered in God as the universal Father.
2. Education, which is the development of character.
3. Beneficence, a form for the distribution of happiness.

Thousands of years ago when Moses, the law giver of the Israelites, found two Hebrews fighting, he propounded the first undying principle of harmony and brotherhood when he said, "Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?"

Brotherhood is the band of common humanity.

Benevolence expresses a disposition made up of a choice and desire for the happiness of others. Beneficence is the putting into effect of this disposition in disbursing and distributing good.

Charity may relieve necessities, but it prolongs the cause for need. Beneficence prevents suffering. Charity is the giving of alms—Beneficence is providing the opportunity for self-help.

A brotherhood of humanity founded on loyalty to one Father and manifested in glad service rendered by His sons as Freemen, one to the other, in the Commonwealth of God and man.

Then indeed will rest upon us that benediction uttered thousands of years ago—

"Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God."

We are proud of his notice of Canada in which he says among other things:

What a wonderful work and there is no word of complaint or criticism expressed in connection with the blessed service!

The only suggestion, which is well-made, is:

That a note of warning should be sounded, and adequate steps taken by Grand Lodge to cause greater care in selection of petitions for initiations or affiliation not only with respect to the financial position, but physical and mental conditions before admitting to membership those who clearly may become a charge upon the benevolence of the Constituent Lodges and Grand Lodge.

There is much interest in the suggestions of Grand Master Drope with regard to benevolence.

A strong plea for education is made by the Grand Master, and from the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, are taken valuable suggestions:

Like our Grand Master Hamrick, Canada's leader makes an appeal for "qualification of officers".

Past Grand Master White represented Georgia.

Past Grand Master Ponton, that upstanding and outstanding Craftsman, writes the review with the assistance of three other brethren. First, as chairman of the Board on the General Condition of Freemasonry, later as Grand Master and then as a visitor to several American jurisdictions, Brother Ponton attained prominence and eminence that established him as a leader of the Craft. As a Reviewer, he lives up to his splendid record.

Under Indiana he pays this tribute:

Past Grand Master Ridley, who "stood four square to every wind that blew," entered the harbor where storms are hushed forever.

To Iowa he pays this compliment:

The Iowa work is characterized by the same attractively arranged publications of the past—brimful of the detailed accounts of the onward march of the peerless jurisdiction. Where others consider and delay, Iowa determines and does.

Of stability and back-bone he says under Pennsylvania:

The Grand Master ruled sternly, and rightly so, in setting aside several unlawful actions by lodges—a procedure that would produce many benefits, if followed by other grand masters.

We do most particularly commend the Grand Master for one of his actions, where a petitioner was not under the tongue of good Masonic report when his petition was presented. The Grand Master not only ordered the petitioner's name stricken from the rolls and fees and dues returned, but succeeded in having the lodge expel the first recommender and censure the other in open lodge.

At the close of his review he reprints in full for our benefit the foreword of Bro. Goodwin, Grand Cor-

respondent of Utah, entitled "To what End are We Building?" Space will only permit the following. It is a pity that all Masons could not read the whole inspiring utterance:

Man is a builder. Not a new idea, does some one rise to remark? Agreed. Further, we are not looking for new things—what's the use? Why not accept the inevitable gracefully? Ecclesiastes tells us (and that there may be no occasion for doubt, repeats the statement) that,

"That which is hath been already; and that which is to be hath already been * * * and there is no new thing under the sun."

In these days of hectic goings-on great temples are being erected in all parts of our land.

But our "wise king" aside, how fitting it is that we should see the process of shaping and developing the life Masonic under the figure of building. And how perfectly right and proper that we should seek and find in this, the oldest of the Arts, principles and suggestions for use in "the erection of our moral and spiritual edifice." Life is a process—not a finished product. The material required to carry this forward is at hand—we make such use of it as we will.

The whole Proceedings are well printed at the Masonic Home Print Shop and are a credit to the boys and girls whose handicraft it is.

M.W. Brother W. S. Richardson, Macon, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother Frank F. Baker, Macon, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS

M.W. Bro. R. C. Davenport, Grand Master.

The Eighty-sixth Annual Meeting was held in Chicago 13th October, 1925. Ten Past Grand Masters present in person.

Grand Lodge was entertained in a delightful manner by the boys' and girls' Band of the Masonic Orphans' Home.

The Grand Master from Missouri was introduced and in his address said:

I observe you have nearly 200 of these little ones, and has it

occurred to you that that institution deserves your most hearty support. To them you are handing out the life line; to them you are giving a little spark of hope in this world of ours, and holding out to them the hand of opportunity; the chance to take their place in the world, and become self-supporting citizens in this land of ours. Brethren, if you do no other worthy purpose; if there were no other reason for your existence as a Grand Lodge this great work that you are doing in your Illinois Masonic Orphans Home more than justifies your existence.

The Grand Master's address lends itself to citation but space only permits the following:

In most cases where the law has been violated it has been more through ignorance than intention, which gives fresh emphasis to the ever-present need for study of our Masonic jurisprudence.

Of the tornado and its effects he says:

I am reliably informed that there were 523 deaths, 1,513 injuries and a property loss estimated at \$50,000,000, in Illinois alone.

An appeal for funds was sent out to our lodges. As a result of this appeal the sum of \$83,976 has been raised. We are sincerely thankful for the generous aid.

He thanks the Grand Chapter of Illinois for a grant of \$50,000 for an addition to the hospital at the Masonic Home at Sutherland, and Grand Lodge added a similar amount.

The Grand Master intervened where on initiation a representation had been made by a candidate that he had not previously petitioned. This not being true the Grand Master directed a trial and appropriate punishment.

Only one case of discipline is reported in this large jurisdiction, a splendid record.

Of the office of Grand Secretary the Grand Master says:

The office of the Grand Secretary is a busy place, and an important one. The great volume of the routine business of the 979 lodges in the state is handled there. The time of the Grand Secretary and his assistants is valuable, and is expended in service to each one of our lodges. No lodge, therefore, should waste that time by neglecting to respond promptly to any communication it may receive from the office of Grand Secretary. In many cases not only the time of the Grand Secretary is wasted, but it has been necessary to refer the matter to the Grand Master to secure action. Thus the work of two officials is duplicated. I earnestly request our lodges to eliminate

this waste of time by responding promptly to all communications received from the Grand Secretary.

Of the character of lodge entertainments he speaks with no uncertain sound:

One lodge gave an extremely undignified entertainment but was promptly disciplined when knowledge of it reached this office. In the other cases the entertainments were canceled at my order.

Good wholesome entertainment in a lodge at the proper time is very desirable; Masons must realize, however, that our fraternity is a dignified and honorable institution, founded upon ideals of respect and reverence, and will not tolerate questionable entertainment or desecration of the Sabbath Day.

And he concludes with this well known verse, old but worthy of reproduction:

"Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true:
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow-men sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely."

Eighteen cornerstones were laid. Would that we could say this of Canada.

Total assets approximate \$815,000.

Total membership 279,596. Net gain 8,816.

The State is divided into 100 Districts with 979 chartered lodges.

Cannot the Craft do something to abate the crime records of two centres in this great Jurisdiction.?

The Committee on the Grand Master's report described him as their ideal in the following words:

He performed a tremendous amount of detail that has come to his office during the past year in a clear, concise and businesslike manner and yet with that quiet and unassuming dignity so characteristic of our beloved Grand Master.

Among the rulings of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances we find the following:

An appeal from the decision of an Illinois lodge cannot be taken by a person who is not a member of that lodge. There is therefore no appeal.

On another case they reported

The evidence in this case is very voluminous. The case was tried by a commission and resulted in a finding that the accused brother was guilty as charged and the punishment was fixed at expulsion.

After that she varied her statement by saying that it was some evening along about that time. But there is no evidence that this accused brother was in his uniform on any other evening given, and she states that he appeared at her house on the evening in question in his uniform. The evidence in the case covers nearly 150 pages of typewritten matter. It has been very carefully considered by your committee and we are clearly of the opinion that this accused brother is not guilty.

And they concluded their report by some general recommendations from which we select these:

First: Any Mason who has been subjected to the disciplinary proceedings of the lodge may appeal, or any member of the lodge may appeal, and the accuser may appeal. But, the accuser must be a member of the lodge. The accuser may get the junior warden of the lodge to prefer charges for him, but in that case, of course, the junior warden becomes the accuser, and is a member of the lodge.

In short, without going further into details, your committee earnestly requests that all lodges and officers of lodges in which disciplinary proceedings may be pending read the Blue Book, observe its directions, and thus do justice to the accused while vindicating the rights and powers of the lodge.

Bro. Charles S. Deneen, Grand Orator, delivered a most informing and comprehensive address on the Reign of Law from which we cannot resist making the following extracts:

But after all, law is only the basis of our social order—it is dependent upon (1) a framework of government to enforce it; (2) honest and courageous public officials, and (3) ultimately upon the sense of right and justice in the people who constitute the state. We are too prone to think of law as an automatic enforcing agency. We are somewhat reluctant in facing the fact that law is dependent upon the sense of right of the community for enforcement.

Urge our members in their various communities and in their different political parties to drive from public office faithless officials who nullify the law for political or financial gain. Masons should be taught to regard all malefactors, high or low, as public enemies.

The influence of our members can be a mighty force in restoring the reign of law. Here, then, is a high call to duty and service.

The Jurisprudence Committee introduce an interesting subject in the following:

The M.W. Grand Master has handed to us the prospectus of an incorporated insurance company, and requests our opinion in regard

to it. On the cover page of this prospectus we find the following inscription: "United Low Twelve Clubs, Inc." The definition of united is given as follows: "'United'—joined, combined together, made one"; and we find this significant statement "For members of A.F. & A.M., Eastern Star, True Kindred, Order of Builders and DeMolay."

Your Committee regards this not only as a clear violation of both the letter and spirit of the Codes, but as an ill-advised and thinly veiled attempt to commercialize Masonry and use it to exploit every organization that claims any relation to Ancient Craft Masonry. This great fraternity must be on its guard. It is already surrounded by satellites basking in its reflected glory. They are increasing from year to year. It is true that Masonry does not recognize any of them as a constituent part of itself; it simply tolerates their claims and sheds its glory to be reflected by them. It permits its members to enter them so long as their aims are good; and such members enter as individuals, leaving their Masonry in their Masonic lodges.

This M.W. Grand Lodge may have no right to set aside a charter granted by legal authority authorizing a company to exploit it and its members as well as every organization which claims kin to it, but it clearly has the right, and should exercise it without hesitation, to say to all Masons under its jurisdiction, you shall take no part in it.

Your Committee therefore recommends that this M.W. Grand Lodge place the stamp of its disapproval upon this enterprise.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Sylvester O Spring.

The D.D.G.M. of the First District thus introduced his English experience:

Most of you have heard of the banquets that were given to eight thousand Masons in Olympia Hall, London, on August 8. It was the largest banquet that was ever held under the auspices of any organization, and I can assure you brethren that there was plenty of "that which cheers" flowing at the banquet.

Now, there are a great many brethren of this Grand Lodge, and of other Grand Lodges, who look upon these English peers as men with white spats and cut-away coats and monocles, but I want to assure you, brethren, that they are no different than you or I. They are real men. They are real Masons. If they have handles to their names, they don't use them, and they will answer when called by their proper names.

The Duke of Connaught said to the Master of Ceremonies, when he was presenting us to him—kindly ask these good brethren to remove their gloves so that I can get into personal touch with them. That little incident, my brethren, made me learn to love the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. He is past 75 years of age.

Two of the brethren, one of them Sir John Ferguson, head of the Lloyds Bank of England, and Rear Admiral Sir Edward Ingleside, were the two gentlemen who were looking after my welfare, and I can assure you that I received from those brothers the utmost courtesy. I bring to this Grand Lodge and to its Grand Master the greetings of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The several Masonic Homes all continue to prosper and do grand philanthropic work. That we in Canada may have one soon is our earnest prayer.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is in the hands of an experienced Craftsman, who is not afraid to talk out in meeting. He stimulates thought. M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach thus speaks in his foreword:

A spirit of optimism appears throughout most of the reports of Grand Masters. Freemasonry seems never to have rested on more solid and lasting foundations.

Of Boys' work he says:

It would seem that with proper limitations Masons and Masonic lodges might properly and *safely* lend substantial as well as moral support to these chapters. The question is, what are the proper limitations? Time will surely clarify this problem.

All stress its importance, but there is not agreement as to means and methods. In this connection attention is called to some very carefully worked out plans in several Grand Jurisdictions for the administration of Educational Endowment Funds to enable bright and capable young men and women to secure a higher education. Here is a splendid field for some wealthy and generous Masons in Illinois.

We should like to see a substantial fund to assist capable and worthy sons and daughters of Masons to secure a higher education. Some means should be provided also to assist the children from the Masonic Home for a time, if and when necessary, after they are required to leave the Home on account of their age. These are only two of many worthy plans that could be provided for. Masons in other states are doing much in this way. Illinois should do more.

Some dissenters there are who believe that the aims of Freemasonry and its ideals make it not improper, but very desirable that many questions of national and civic importance be open to discussion in our lodges. The history and experience of the Institution, however, seem wholly to warrant the almost universal opinion of the best Masonic thinkers that the old rule is the best and safest.

The trend of Masonic thought is one of doubt of the advantage of so many organizations whose membership is based on some Masonic connection.

Under British Columbia of whose aggressive Foreign Correspondent he says:

He is not in accord with the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in several particulars and is more or less sarcastic regarding the same; and is particularly sarcastic with reference to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Iowa which he reviews. Difference of opinion is of course allowable and we are glad to learn his views.

Canada is interestingly reviewed. He analyzes the Grand Master's address and says and quotes:

Mention is made of a plan adopted by Brant Lodge of Brantford. When a member dies, leaving dependents, a member of Brant Lodge is appointed guardian of the family. He looks after their needs and finances and makes frequent reports to the lodge of their living conditions. The grand master recommends the adoption of a plan similar to this.

The grand master appears to feel that unreasonable leniency has frequently been extended to Masons guilty of criminal offences. On this subject he says: "Our laws must be enforced."

We were so much interested that we take the liberty of quoting from the grand master's address-

Of our own review he thus kindly speaks:

A very fine and interesting review of the work of the different grand jurisdictions is presented by Bro. Ponton, chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. He quotes freely from the reports and addresses of each grand lodge and gives three pages to a review of Illinois for 1923.

Under Iowa he says of Bro. Block's splendid report that he is a deep and careful thinker, and he copies in full—as the truest compliment—his review on "The Movement for Masonic Study." We can only reproduce a few sentences as we have elsewhere commented on the great work of this veteran Mason:

It is the man who *stops with the memorization* and goes not on to get its meaning, that becomes never a Mason, but remains forever merely a lodge-member, and no more.

Masonry knows neither heretic nor heathen, orthodox nor heterodox, modernist nor fundamentalist, but only *man*, the child of God, the universal Father. In trumpet tones it calls aloud to a listening world:

"Here's a welcome for all who will stand,
For the Truth and the Right, and the Love,
Not a soul on the earth shall be banned
Whom the Heavens will welcome above."

Yet Masonry has always been at bottom a society for service and not for selfishness. Nor is its service set apart only for those within its own fold.

Under Michigan he says:

The grand master feels called upon to deprecate the practice in many lodges of practically all members retiring during the lectures, and suggests that this is depressing to the master and gives the candidate an erroneous impression, and the grand master suggests that this condition can be avoided by opening the lodges promptly, dispatching the lodge business without useless delay, and avoiding any unnecessary pauses and intermissions.

This gem he extracts from Sir Alfred Robbins great address to the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

We are united in heart, united in principles, slightly different in practice but not in essentials, and nothing in the world can stand against the continued peace and order of the universe if English-speaking Freemasons understand each other, believe in each other, and act with each other in a friendly manner, determined to make the voice of the English-speaking nations sound throughout the world as a combined voice always raised in favor of a righteous and a just peace.

Wisconsin furnishes him with this material:

A very excellent report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Brother Aldro Jenks. He seems not to agree with everything the Grand Lodge of Illinois did, particularly the refusal of grand lodge to allow the former German-speaking lodges the privilege of conducting lodge ceremonies one or two nights a year in German. Concerning this refusal he says: "This shows that the animosities and prejudices of the late war have not been entirely forgotten."

The Eighty-seventh Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago, second Tuesday in October, 1926.

R. C. Davenport, Harrisburg, Grand Master.

Owen Scott, Decatur, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA

M.W. Brother J. Lee Dinwiddie, Grand Master.

The speaking portraits of the Grand Master, the new Grand Master Funkhouser, of Grand Secretary Swintz, and Grand Instructor Tolle, form the introductory pages of the attractive volume of Proceedings.

The foreword tells us of the splendid programme furnished by the Boys' Band of the Indiana Masonic Home, and of the address of Bro. Baltzell, Judge of the Federal Court, from which we make the following extracts:

We are taught that we are first prepared to be a Mason in our heart, and, that being true, after we have taken the various obligations necessary to make of us a Master Mason, we are certainly better men and better equipped for the duties of life than we were prior to the time we took such obligations. There is nothing more beautiful than a company of men brought together by a solemn pledge to guard each other's good name and to maintain the purity of the home.

Bro. George Washington said:

"It is too probable that no plan we propose will be adopted; perhaps another dreadful conflict is to be sustained. If to please the people we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work? The event is in the hands of God."

Here was true statemanship and individual courage. Here was also true manhood.

575 Representatives availed themselves of the duty and privilege of visiting the Indiana Masonic Home, with which all were pleased.

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Meeting was held in Indianapolis 26th May, 1925.

Nineteen Past Supreme Rulers of the Craft in Indiana fore-gathered again with their younger comrades with fidelity—fidelity—fidelity.

Canada was represented by R. W. Bro. Elias J. Jacoby.

The Grand Master in his address said:

For hard and incessant as the labors of the office have been, they have brought with them many privileges, many opportunities of real and abiding service, and many things around which will gather pleasurable and happy memories, as long as memory lasts.

Seventeen corner-stones were laid by Grand Lodge during the year, a fine record, to which we in Canada should endeavour to attain.

As to Sunday services the Grand Master said:

It is very plain why a celebration of St. John's Day cannot be

held on Sunday. This is a celebration of birth. Such celebration is one of joy, mirth and happiness.

A memorial service for the deceased, is a very different proposition.

Therefore, believing such services to be for the good of Masonry, and not in violation of any Masonic Law or principle, as the Grand Master of Masons of Indiana, I grant to any Masonic Lodge desiring so to do, the privilege to hold proper memorial services for those members who have died within the last year, in their lodge hall on Sunday.

Of united action for the Home he says encouragingly-

There are in the Home, 101 men, 53 women, 95 boys and 89 girls; in all, 338—all furnished with home comforts, clothing, board, medicine and medical care.

There are one hundred and twenty-one thousand Master Masons in Indiana. Think what a power when united physically; then think what a power when united on the one dollar basis. Let us perfect this *united effort* by forging a one dollar link from Mason to Mason in all Indiana.

Having heard that the Grotto had met in the basement banquet-room of the Temple and obligated and communicated the sign to about one hundred, he immediately issued an edict as follows and it will no doubt be observed:

See to it that said Evansville Masonic Temple, is, in the future, used and occupied strictly in accordance with the Masonic General Regulations, that Masonic Peace and Harmony and General Good Will to All Men May Prevail, and That the Laws of the Grand Lodge may be Upheld.

In future proposed designs for new temples and lodge-rooms will be submitted to the Grand Master for approval.

He suggests a simple plan, and also that every lodge-room must be furnished with certain appurtenant equipment set out at length.

He ends his full report with a beautiful peroration which our readers will we feel sure, say is worthy of being reproduced in its entirety:

Brethren, Masonry is engaged in a bigger field of labor today than ever before, and needs bigger, better Masons now than ever in the annals of history, and you who can, and will, a service render, are doing the will of Him who gave you life, health and power to do.

Then, when in Memory's Garden you are plowing, plow deep a furrow that will reveal the memory of the Mother, whose prayers ascended to God above your play and prattle at her knee, that you might grow and become a big, broad-minded manly man.

Then plow another furrow in the Garden of Memory, deep and wide, that will reveal the memories of your Mother Lodge, where, while at the Altar, prayers of the earnest, faithful Mason, were offered to God, that you might grow Masonically, and become a big, broad, true-minded, manly Mason.

To have been with you, to labor with you and for you, to know you, and learned to love you as I do, is one of the greatest pleasure-bearing plants in the Garden of my Memory, and that you, and every member of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, may be a fruit-bearing plant, is my earnest prayer.

Members 124,102. Net increase 3,129. Active lodges 557.

In their report the Directors of the Home say:

What we want you to know, however, is that the result attained in a musical way by these children is not done in hours that should be devoted to work or study, but is the result of putting to use hours that would otherwise be wasted time—idle hours taken advantage of. The children themselves are enthusiastic in this work and strive for positions in these organizations which can only be secured by having high school industrial and departmental records.

The new Grand Master made an address in which:

He emphasized the fact that true Freemasonry is of the mind and heart. He said a good word for the *Indiana Freemason*, published at the Masonic Home, the only Masonic publication endorsed by this Grand Lodge.

The late R.W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham of Hamilton, represented Indiana near Canada.

Both Indiana and Canada suffered a great loss in representative citizenship in his sudden death.

The Correspondence Review is introduced by a striking portrait of Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay, Reviewer, and by a membership table covering the United States and Canada in detail, which he has carefully prepared and summarized.

He cites a queer case under Florida in relation to the ballot which was declared clear. A member of the lodge immediately rose and protested, stating that he had cast a dark ballot. This brother was reprimanded and in-

formed that he was liable to discipline. At the same Communication a Brother was admitted for affiliation; the complainant cast a negative vote in that case also. The Grand Master ruled as follows:

That under the circumstances, having no other means of protecting his right to vote as his conscience dictated, the brother was justified in openly stating, on the floor of the lodge, the nature of his ballot, and that he was not subject to discipline for doing so.

When a ballot is taken upon any matter that requires a unanimous favorable vote for affirmative action, and announcement of the result is made by the proper officers and immediately thereafter a member of the lodge states that he cast a negative ballot, such declaration should have all the force and effect of an adverse ballot.

And the Jurisprudence Committee thereafter ordered the Worshipful Master and two brethren to be brought to trial upon the charges made.

Canada (under Ontario) is kindly reviewed. The address of Mayor Hiltz being (as in many Jurisdictions), especially emphasized and his words quoted:

Why does it continue to hold the attachment of its myriads of members century after century?

Probably the answer to these questions is that this Society has regard to men simply as men, without regard to position or wealth or rank, without regard to political preferences, and without regard to ecclesiastic affiliations—its leading principle being the recognition of the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God.

The address of Grand Master Drope which is termed excellent, is largely cited, as also the report on the Condition of Masonry. Our review is called very complete.

He cites the opinion of Prince Edward Island as to the Order of the Eastern Star in the following words:

Its aims are philanthropic. Its members visit the sick, cheer the afflicted and help the orphan.

Like Masonic charity, theirs is dispensed in secret: The only public donations so far have been to the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage.

Indiana is full of life.

Albert W. Funkhouser, Evansville, M.W. Grand Master.

William H. Swintz, Indianapolis, R.W. Grand Secretary.

IOWA

The main volume of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1925 has not reached this reviewer but a substantial and satisfying separate volume of 227 pages, devoted entirely to Fraternal Correspondence has been well-named in advance. When it is announced that again this report is in the capable and experienced hands of M.W. Bro. Louis Block, who embodies all that is good and great and true in Iowa Masonry, the pleasurable anticipation with which we always look forward to the review of Iowa will not be this year disappointed for lack of matter, manner and excellence.

From the thoughtful and philosophic Foreword with which he prepares the atmosphere in which we are to read and interpret his review, M W. Bro. Block says:

There be far too many Masons who have either never penetrated to the heart and core of the matter or have long ago forgotten what they found at the journeys' end.

Then again all of us tend to get "rusty", not only in the ritual, but, what is far more to be regretted, in the great themes the ritual strives to teach.

In fact there is no one of us, from the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast corner of the lodge to the greybeard who bears the Great Lights in funeral procession, who would not be greatly helped by taking his Masonry out, now and then, dusting it off, and taking a good square look at it in the effort to learn what it really is.

The design of the Masonic Institution is to make its votaries wiser and better and consequently happier.

"To make its votaries wiser and better." Ever so, but how? Well, first by teaching them to see and to think.

It was a crying curiosity that caused most of us to join the lodge. We were crazy to know the secrets, and in due time they were told to us.

Yet, is that true? Were they really told to us? Don't they still remain secrets for most of us, so far as their real worth and meaning is concerned?

The while we so glibly bandy about among us sign and symbol, token and word, due guard and dialogue, do we really know what we are talking about? Sometimes I think we are like a parcel of parrots persistently pattering about our "perfect points" both pedal and pectoral, yet of whose real meaning we have no perception.

Does this proposition seem preposterous to you? Well, the

next time you foregather with a brother, dig into him, demand to know what this, that, and the other, sign and symbol truly mean, and see how quickly he cries "Oh Min!" and hoists the grand hailing sign of distress.

Verily we need all of us to be initiated again, this time not of words, but of "Water and the Spirit," in order that we may realize that Masonry is after all never a thing "terrestrial", nor even yet verbal, but ever more "celestial" and eternally spiritual.

Yea, my brother, it is that, just that, and nothing less than that, that is "the design of the Masonic institution," for only so can a man be made "wiser, better, and consequently, happier."

Canada for 1924 is reviewed and our colleague speaks of M.W. Bro. Drope as having submitted "a very superior annual address". He then quotes largely and comments upon the many subjects treated upon and we share the following with our brethren:

He calls attention to the danger that afflicts most Grand Lodges when he speaks of those:

"Motions that are being written and passed without discussion, in the dying moments of the Grand Lodge Communication. They are often characterized by vagueness of interpretation and when analyzed do not meet the circumstances or the wishes of the Grand Lodge."

He makes some valuable suggestions concerning libraries and reading rooms in Masonic quarters. Our own experience has been that while it has been comparatively easy to accumulate libraries of this sort, the hardest part of the work has been in getting the books read.

We had the pleasure of meeting him in Washington, and are glad to have had the privilege of meeting so able and distinguished a Mason.

In dealing with the subject of Masonic offenses, he spoke of a situation which we fear has become far too common. We read:

There are too many of us who are too ready to shield a culprit, just because he happens to be a Mason, forgetting that a Mason is entitled to our consideration and respect only so long as he behaves himself in a manner worthy of a member of the Craft.

In connection with the subject of Masonic Education, Brother Drope makes the following timely suggestion:

"I hope I may be pardoned if I make the suggestion that all lodges or the masters of lodges, should have available at all times, a standard pronouncing dictionary. I am speaking from personal experience on the question of pronunciation. Please do not accuse me of pedagogical pedantry. Let culture and correctness be our aim in all our lectures and ceremonies."

When it comes to the subject of the qualification of lodge officers, he pays his respects to the old "line", or promotion farce.

M.W. Bro. Block refers very vigorously to line promotions from Junior Stewards upwards and deplors the system.

He again praises and largely cites what he calls the always interesting report on the Condition of Masonry by R.W. Bro. Shanks.

We blush with pleasure as we read the following lines which he supplements by quoting the entire conclusion of our review.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is, to a large extent, from the pen of that distinguished Masonic scholar and literary artist, Past Grand Master Ponton, assisted by four able associates who largely relieved him from the heavy burden of this task.

The review of our own state was written by Bro. R. C. Blgrave, who says of the work of Grand Master Glaze that:

"The Grand Master voices our own feelings in respect to Ku Klux in the following words:

After which he proceeds to quote Bro. Glaze on this subject.

Of our own report on the subject of Fraternal Correspondence, he is kind enough to say:

M.W. Bro. Block wrote on Fraternal Correspondence. He urged in an inspiring introduction upon the necessity of Masonry passing the test of present day scrutiny as it is applied to all other institutions, ancient or modern.

Colorado gives him this matter:

Our own experience has been that when once you allow these orders to get their entering wedge into the Masonic institution, they very soon breed dissatisfaction, dissension, and disunion.

The parish priest
Of Austerlitz
Climbed up a high church steeple,
To be near God,
That he might hand
God's word down to the people.

Under Illinois he says:

All of which goes to show how easy it is for the Craft to slip into these questionable things, urged on by the desire to raise a little money. It is probably done under the theory that the end justifies the means.

He shares with us some oriental humor which he extracts from the flowers of speech of a learned Chinese brother who addressed at interminable length the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and who said among other linguistic idiosyncracies:

I asked a Chinese boy who came back from Harvard if he could give me a simpler word for the American word "preserve" in the American vernacular, and he said "Yes-can". (Laughter) So I wrote my maiden letter to my Scotch teacher, and winding up, very affectionately, I used the word "can", rather than "preserve" when I should have said "May the Lord preserve you."

Last week a stenographer rushed out of the office saying the bald-headed boss bawled her out in the office and she got so balled up she did not want to go to the ball game. (Laughter).

Now that I have proven to you that the Chinese language is far easier, I will quote Confucius: "In the four corners of the world there is but one God, one moon, one music, one heart-throb," and he goes on to say, "Thought is the first faculty of man--to express it is one of his first desires in life; to spread it--his most cherished privilege."

There is a great difference between a visionary man and a man of vision, and there is still a greater difference between church service and church services. America has gone beyond that and is going out to mankind. China, whom you have awakened, today is beginning to realize its power. We need you. You have already made us realize it.

Nevada proves a fertile field for our colleague and we agree with him as to the splendid work of the brethren of that Jurisdiction and especially of Bro. Vanderlieth:

Brother Ross strikes the nail squarely on the head when, dealing with the subject of education, he says:

"The great menace of Government is popular ignorance. If a nation is to live it must be supported by progressive enlightenment and an educated citizenship."

That this process has begun to bear fruit was demonstrated to our minds by the fact that at our last presidential election the citizenry of our country came out strongly for safe and conservative policies in popular government, and set their seal of disapproval upon radicalism and Bolshevism in no uncertain manner.

Past Grand Master McCormack offered a resolution for the purpose of giving the barnacle organizations a bump. This resolution read as follows:

"Resolved That no Master Mason, under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall promote, organize or become a member of any order or fraternal society, hereafter established in this Juris-

diction, whose qualification for membership is that of being a Master Mason, unless such order or fraternal society shall have received the sanction, endorsement or recognition of this Grand Lodge."

It was unanimously adopted.

Let us hope and pray that, for the good of the Craft, the other American Grand Lodges will go and do likewise.

GATHERED TO THE QUIET WEST.

"Time takes home those we loved—fair names and famous—
To the soft, long sleep, to the broad, sweet bosom of death;
But the flower of their souls he shall take not away to shame us,
Nor the lips lack song forever, that now lack breath;
For with us shall the music and perfume that died not, dwell,
Though the dead to our dead bid welcome, and we—farewell."

Brother Vanderlieth seems to have a perfect genius for gathering together rare poetical gems. We like this man and we like his work, both as Grand Secretary and as Fraternal Correspondent.

Under Oklahoma he utters a common thought in a striking manner:

In other words Masonry is not a petrification, but a progressive science. Which is a truth many of us need to take to heart.

In the following we are reminded of the late R.W. Bro. Kuhn in his comments under South Dakota:

We agree with him as to the remedy. The trouble is that there are always some fellows who want to make the lodge a thing so machine-like in its set regularity, and so rigid in its hard and fast adherence to rule, as to make it a thing almost repellant instead of making it what its genius means it to be—a living and a vital thing.

If we would put life and meaning back of our rendition of the ritual, and in the practice of its precepts the brethren will not be so apt to turn away after strange gods.

The bigness and the bulk of Texas affords him this opportunity. But Texas also has the essence:

This is the biggest volume of proceedings which comes to our table and this time it measures two by six by nine inches, and as for its weight—well, we are glad to say that we have a good strong table to rest it on as we turn its pages. It is a good thing that the Lone Star State is a large and wealthy State.

The Afterword is well devoted to Masonry and Music and we are glad that Canada has rather led in the use of this universal solvent, of which M.W. Bro. Block thus eloquently speaks:

It is one of the "seven liberal arts and sciences". We picture music as the "medium which gives to the natural world communica-

tion with the spiritual" and speak of it as "a language of delightful sensations, far more eloquent than words," for that "it bears the spirit up and gives it a taste of immortality."

A little reflection will convince us that the use of music in the work is largely conspicuous by its absence.

It is true that there are one or two shining exceptions to this rule, exceptions which only prove the great things that can be done when music is given a prominent place in lodge work. The two best illustrations of these splendid exceptions are the "St. Cecilia" lodges of New York and Chicago. These are the "day-light" lodges, so called because they are composed almost wholly of members whose usual avocation demands that they work at night, and who must therefore attend lodge in the daytime, if they go at all. A visit to one of these lodges, composed of actors, artists, musicians, public entertainers, and the like, is an experience long to be remembered. The rich, warm mellow, vibrant voices of the workers, men trained in all the subtleties of the art of self-expression, at once seized and held the attention of all present. The old, old words took on new meanings and fell with renewed force and life from the lips of these masters of the art of elocution.

After an afternoon in one of these lodges one could not escape the conviction that harmony was not only the strength and support of the society but could be made its inspiration and its life. The organ prelude played by master hands prepared the soul for an awakening, the solemn marches made stately processions of the floor-work and the soft, plaintive background music gave a new thrill to the spoken word.

The only way our human minds can drink things in is through the avenues of the senses, and for all practical purposes we are limited to two of these, seeing and hearing.

We are all by nature instinctively lovers of time and tune. Watch how people on the street react to the sound of a band even though far away—how the passer-by lingers to listen to a song. The human-heart seeks restlessly for relief from the jangle and jar of life and finds it in harmony. There is not another thing on earth that possesses music's powerful appeal to the human soul. The church knows this and has made music the hand-maid of religion. How much punch would there be to your patriotism if you robbed it of the stirring strains of march and anthem? Said a great statesman, "Let me write the songs of a people and I care not who makes her laws."

And thus we close literally "in harmony," and trust that all St. Cecilia's blessings may rest with the spirit of M.W. Bro. Block and his Iowan colleagues.

IRELAND

The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., Grand Master.

The brief Proceedings are prefaced by an important address delivered by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Colonel Claude Cane at the St. John's Day Communication held in Dublin, 28th December, 1925. He very truly says in his opening sentence:

I would like to remind you that we who are called Rulers in the Craft are in very truth more your servants than your rulers. Now it makes the very greatest difference to us who are your servants if we have the whole of the membership of this Grand Lodge behind us and pulling with us, not against us. The only reward that we can hope to have for any service we may give to our Brethren is their approbation and their goodwill. And I can assure you that it puts heart into anybody when he finds himself confronted with a mass of work such as is incidental to the administration of a great organization like ours, which numbers seventeen Provinces, seven hundred lodges and some sixty or seventy thousand members, to feel that he has the sympathy of the vast majority of the Brethren whom he nominally rules.

The history of Ireland has not been a quiet one and the Deputy Grand Master says:

One year seemed to bring more excitement than another, until finally this last year culminated in our Bi-Centenary Celebrations, a very happy culmination of several years of what might be described as years of storm and stress.

I think that the example of the universality of Masonry and of the love and fraternal feeling borne by all Masons throughout the world towards each other will, through these Celebrations of ours, stand out prominently, indeed, in not only the history of the Grand Lodge of Ireland but in the history of "Masonry Universal".

More especially were they impressed by that magnificent service which was held in our great Cathedral of St. Patrick.

Thanks were given to Bros. Lepper and Crossle for their admirable history of the Grand Lodge of Ireland which has seen the light in this Bi-Centenary year.

Colonel Cane further says:

I really think that what I may call the hostile element in this country of ours is having its hostility considerably modified, if not weakened. I think there is a kindlier feeling over the whole of Ireland. A society like ours, based on the principles of loyalty to God and to the State, is the very greatest asset which any State can have within its borders. We do not interfere in politics, but we are the strongest supporters of the State, and it is our bounden duty

as Masons to support law and order as against anarchy and confusion.

The Benevolent Institutions have had a prosperous year, I think I may fairly say, and I should like to tell you that our visitors from overseas when they visited the Boys' and the Girls' Schools were quite unstinted in their admiration of all they saw, and in their praises for what we have done.

There seems more prospect of unity among the various parts of the country, and, if that is so, it is all to the good, and no body in Ireland, I may say, has done more, or will do more in the future, to preserve that unity and brotherly feeling all over Ireland than that great Order to which you and I belong.

The portrait of the M.W. the Grand Master in the full dress of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick was unveiled.

Frequent Grand Lodges of Instruction were held and of them it is said:

It may be confidently hoped that the continuance of such meetings will promote accuracy and uniformity of working, and thus will tend to maintain in purity the Ritual of which Irish Masons are justly proud.

The various Provincial Grand Lodges report through their Provincial Grand Masters, the first being Antrim by our old friend R.W. J. H. Stirling.

South Africa and New Zealand are found among them.

Many donations were added this year to the Grand Lodge Library and Museum.

Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. Mr. Justice FitzGibbon and Ireland is represented by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C.

The total receipts during 1925 amounted to the handsome sum of £9,258 Sterling.

Henry C. Shellard, R.W. Grand Secretary, Dublin.

His Grace the Lord Primate, D.D., R.W. Grand Chaplain.

KANSAS

M.W. Brother Charles A. Loucks, Grand Master.

The Seventieth Annual Communication was held in the State Capitol, Topeka, 24th February, 1926.

Grand Chaplain Brooks gave the opening prayer:

Continue to teach us, even by the disaster of our failures if need be, that we can no more adhere together without the ties of brotherly love than a building of brick or stone can stand erect without the adhesive qualities of mortar.

And may his zeal for the welfare of Masonry be equalled only by the fervency and industry of the Craft to make brotherly love prevail.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters occupied the East as loyal and veteran Craftsmen.

Canada was represented by W. Bro. Hubert H. Hubbard.

In the Grand Master's address we find many paragraphs of interest. Among them the following:

Coming from a world whose civil, social, political and religious^s life is strained to the breaking point by radicalism and so-called advanced thought, we renew our faith in things that are enduring.

We are here that in the days of this session we may view again the structure in the building of which it is the privilege of each member of our Craft each day to have some part.

Every man is a builder. Each day, he is building that which time will waste and bring to destruction or something that shall endure.

Errors seem to bulk large in our activities. We must not, however, forget the great body of patient laborers on the temple whose efforts have not attracted attention, although they are faithfully doing their appointed tasks according to the designs on the trestle board.

As to soliciting funds for proposed benevolent and charitable Institutions, and as to Dispensations generally he says:

All of these I have declined, believing that such funds as are available for such purposes can the better be handled and used for worthy objects within our own Grand Jurisdiction.

I have refused many requests to issue special dispensations to waive the statutory time in conferring degrees.

Of lodge entertainments he holds high views: _

There seems to be a tendency upon the part of some of our lodges to engage in the theatrical business, and to turn their lodges into ordinary clubs or social gatherings by giving or sponsoring minstrel or burlesque shows, circuses, box suppers and barn dances, and advertising them in the public press. Such entertainments cheapen the dignity of the Fraternity, and, in my opinion, should be discouraged.

The Grand Master handled 37 cases of lodge trials during his year.

Among his decisions is the following:

A Mason's obligation to the Fraternity demands that when appointed to a Committee, he shall exercise the utmost diligence in ascertaining the facts, status, or merits of the subject, matter or thing so referred. And whenever a member of a Committee wilfully fails to properly perform such duty, he is guilty of an offense against the Body of Masonry, and is subject to discipline.

On the Condition of Masonry he says:

We have well observed the Ancient Landmarks as to physical qualifications. But we have not always paid sufficient attention to intellectual and moral qualifications.

The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. A. K. Wilson submitted a clear and comprehensive report.

Membership 80, 174. Net gain 2,133.

Fifteen Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held for laying corner-stones and other public spirited objects. Why cannot we in Canada be Founders also?

The Grand Secretary is also *Grand Librarian* and in his report says:

Many of the members of this Grand Lodge are more or less familiar with the National Geographic Magazine, which is now issuing it forty-ninth volume.

While this magazine is not Masonic, yet it is indirectly associated with the history of Freemasonry, covering, through description and pictures, many of the ancient structures which were erected during the early history of the Guilds, which subsequently became operative Masonic organizations and eventually Symbolic Masonry.

The Masonic Home Board say in their able summary of the year's work:

There are many and varied elements of human interest found in the atmosphere of our Home. Especially attractive is the buoyancy of the young life; and an effort is made to meet the need of both young and old in the matter of recreation and pleasure. We are especially fortunate in having the sympathetic co-operation of the Masonic Bodies and the Order of the Eastern Star in Wichita, as well as that of many other organizations and individuals.

Brother Dunlap, Professor of English Literature in the University of Kansas, delivered a very striking oration from which we take some outstanding paragraphs:

A back ground is obtained by reading, and meditation, and by facing the issues, whatever they may be, unafraid, because the truth can bring no terror to the man whose feet are based upon the eternal verities. Truth is a rock of vantage, and only a coward fears to face facts as they are. "The truth shall make you free," said the greatest of teachers. The attentive ear, the willing mind, the unprejudiced attitude, indicate growth in wisdom.

To attain wisdom, one must have light, so Masonry has based its ethical principles upon that volume, which is indeed, "A lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The great teacher said "I am the light of the world."

This ritual is doubtless the result of years of accumulative experience, and has proven its right to be perpetuated in positive and in permanent form. Conduct is the visible, outward expression of character.

What a many-sided contradiction man is—now tempestuous, now serene, now exalted, now debased, now strong, now weak. In an exalted reflective mood, Shakespeare puts into Hamlet's mouth these unforgettable words: "What a piece of work is man! how noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! in form and moving how express and admirable! in action how like an angel! in apprehension how like a god! the beauty of the world! the paragon of animals!"

To such a complicated being as man, Masonry makes its appeal, with its endeavor to furnish a philosophy of life, which is not mere theory and speculation, but which is practical, real, livable, which will stand the wear and tear of everyday life.

As we live, so will Masonry be judged.

A portrait in oil of Grand Secretary Wilson was feelingly presented. We take the following extract to convey the spirit:

His remarks, like those of Brother Coates, touched the heart of the Grand Secretary in a manner never before experienced by him in his many years of service in the Fraternity.

The Grand Master in concluding his remarks, tempered the pathetic part of this occasion with a slight touch of mirth, in quoting the following words from Oliver Goldsmith's "The Deserted Village":

"And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,
That one small head could carry all he knew."

A special address to be delivered during the year at all district meetings on Symbols and Symbolism, was then delivered. Its conclusion is as follows:

And—as a final word—we shall come to know that Symbolic Masonry is one of the highways along which mankind may travel to brotherhood, and one of the gateways leading unto God.

R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer represents Kansas.

The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Wilson is also Grand Correspondent, and as a foreword to his review he says:

We cannot consistently say that it is due to hard times or scarcity of money, as conditions along those lines are practically the same as they have been for a number of years. It is true that social affairs of the day, together with a desire for incessant amusement, has something to do with the question, but does it materially reduce the number seeking Masonic Light?

We are taught that Masonry should not interfere with our daily vocations or any obligations we owe to our Creator, our country, our neighbor, or ourselves, yet this does not apply to the total exclusion of the duties we owe to our lodge and to the Craft in general.

It should be borne in mind that the success of a Masonic lodge depends wholly upon the interest taken by its members, and while the individual brother is to a certain extent at fault for this apparent apathy, yet a certain amount of responsibility rests on the shoulders of those who are placed in high authority and to whom we look for guidance and counsel.

We still have an element in some of our Grand Lodges who are disposed to use the influence of the Grand Lodge in advancing the interests of outside societies which have presumed to predicate their membership on the Masonic fraternity. We also have those who are seeking the influence of the Grand Lodge for the advancement of organizations which cannot even predicate their membership on Masonry.

Under Alabama, of the Eastern Star he says:

The Grand Master includes in his address a report concerning the annual meeting of the Eastern Star. The writer assumes that either this organization is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alabama as a regular and legitimate Masonic Grand Body, or the Grand Master is disposed to southern hospitality and has a weakness for the ladies.

Alberta gives him the following:

The Grand Master's address suggests to the writer the quoting of a remark made by one of our own Grand Masters during his term of office, when he stated, in referring to some of our lodges, "They may not love me but they certainly will respect me."

From British Columbia he takes the following fine verse always worthy of reproduction:

"Oh, yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill,
Of pangs of nature, sins of will,
Defeats of doubt, and stains of blood.
That nothing walks with aimless feet,
That not one life shall be destroyed
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God has made the pile complete."

Canada 1925 is favourably reviewed. Among other matters he quotes the Grand Master as commenting fully upon Libraries and Benevolence, but surely under the report of the Board of Benevolence he has made an error, crediting the Board with only \$5,000 whereas \$105,000 would probably be more nearly correct.

He speaks of our review as interesting and cites part of it by way of comment.

Under Florida he does not approve of initials of Grand Officers only and thinks the full "given" names should accompany the surname.

Under Virginia he calls Bro. Eggleston the "war horse" of Masonry.

And in his table of statistics he places New York again in the head with 311,270, with Illinois and Pennsylvania next.

The next Annual will be held in Wichita, 23rd February, 1927.

M.W. John W. Neilson, Concordia, Grand Master.

R.W. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1926

Haney B. Conner, M.W. Grand Master.

Fine engravings of the New Grand Master Haller, of the dedication of the Orphans' Home and of the new Masonic Temple at New Orleans, adorn the Proceedings.

The splendid building erected near the City of Alexandria as a Masonic Home for Orphans, was the occasion of a great celebration at which Past Grand Master L. E. Thomas delivered a wonderful address. He had introduced the proposal to build 20 years before and had zealously supported the cause now consummated. The following are extracts from his inspiring speech, to which we hope our brethren in Canada will give every consideration. Our time, too, is ripe:

It has been my privilege to deliver many addresses on various Masonic subjects, but I have never before today participated in any exercises that afforded me so much personal satisfaction and which were so far-reaching in its service to those near and dear to us.

The Masonic order is no artificial idol of a departed age, no ineffectual bauble born in superstitious darkness and religious dismay, no pretentious relic of despair born in the captivity and dragged forth from the ruins of the dark ages. No, my friends, it is the happy reverse of all this. It is the embodiment of all that would be perfect in the spirit and aspirings of man. It is an institution whose duty, it is to stoop to the unfortunate, to hear their every cry and to help them, to rescue and relieve.

This great Order of ours stands as one of the bulwarks for the preservation of humanity and has been recognized down the ages as having played its part in the preservation of government of the people and the exaltation of the highest ideals of citizenship.

Masonry is not altogether a speculative society, but real Masonry is to do work of life. The goal of Free Masonry is ideal manhood.

We are not doing work by simply conferring degrees, Masonry has a mission in the world and I am proud that in recent years our brethren are awakening to the responsibilities they owe to the human race.

Grand Master Conner briefly and eloquently replied saying:

When I behold this wonderful structure my thoughts turn to the years past when the first thoughts arose in our minds to erect a building where the children of Masons should have the benefits of tender care and careful instruction in right living. This is a debt

long past due, I am glad that the Masons of Louisiana have realized their duty and have met it so nobly.

All of you will go home with happy and light hearts, knowing that you have done well.

An emergent Communication was held January 21, 1926, to lay the cornerstone of the magnificent new Temple in New Orleans, at least 7,500 members of the Craft participating and arranged for convenience in seven divisions, with seven bands of music. A silver trowel was presented by the Grand Master of New York.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an oration saying:

And the fact that the Masons of the state have grown to require, and have waxed strong enough to build, such a magnificent temple as this will be as satisfactory proof of the commanding place which the Craft has in the life of our city and commonwealth.

So may you, my brother, build your temple well in the midst of your fellows, laying its foundations staunch and true in every sphere and relationship of life where you may be, because you aspire toward God.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication convened in New Orleans 1st February, 1926, and was opened in the Master's Degree in ample form by M.W. Bro. Conner. 12 Past Grand Masters were present.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

The Grand Master in his address refers to the late Past Grand Master Joseph Sinai, than whom no man worked more zealously or ardently or was loved more dearly.

The Grand Master's opening sentence is as follows:

Three hundred and sixty-five days have passed since last we met; three hundred and sixty-five days of opportunity to serve God and man; days of opportunity to study and observe Freemasonry at work in its great process of opening the eyes of mankind to the fact that "All men are created free and equal"—that intolerance and bigotry are removed in proportion to the extent that Masonic principles, whether recognized as such or not, are instilled in the hearts and minds of the individual members of society.

He covers a very large and comprehensive ground giving the most wonderful list of no less than 88 decisions

which he had been called upon to make, a regular encyclopaedia of Craft jurisprudence.

Under Masonic discipline he apparently agrees with M.W. Bro. Drope and says:

It is my desire to call to the attention of the craft that while all of us should be charitable, we should not sacrifice the welfare of the craft in general for the wishes of or to help the law violator, and that charity can be stretched to the breaking point.

Having seen a circular containing the following "The Masonic Fraternity of Baton Rouge. . . . their interest in the success of Shrine-Grotto Circus," the project received an immediate and determined stop by the Grand Master who issued this edict:

I sincerely regret and strongly condemn the use of the word "Masonic" in connection with your circus. Please see that it is omitted from all publications or public displays and is not used even orally in connection with the Shrine-Grotto Circus.

Trouble having arisen regarding the ballot in Jefferson Lodge every applicant during 1925 having been black-balled, a dummy petition was ballotted on and an unknown and fictitious application was rejected as before. Two brethren under suspicion were suspended. They were afterwards tried but found "not guilty" thus adding another to the jungle of complications and misunderstandings that result from malicious and indiscriminate black-balling. It is hard to bring it home.

A word of praise is given to the Order of the Eastern Star the Grand Master saying:

The Order of the Eastern Star exists for the purpose of assisting Masons to provide for the welfare of their wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters. In Louisiana they have proven their great worth to us in many ways.

Under the esoteric work we find the following deliverance on Time in their Third Degree:

Time is a measured portion of eternity in which we live now and always. The great rule of moral conduct is, next to God, respect time. Our time on this earth is momentary, and it is wicked to waste it. Time is life. Yet how foolishly we spend it, throwing enough odd hours into the rubbish heap to make us master of great fields of knowledge and service. He who kills time is killed by it.

"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The conclusion of the address is as follows:

"Work for the night is coming when Man's work is o'er."

This day be bread and peace my lot;
All else beneath the sun
Thou knowest it best, bestowed or not,
And let Thy will be done.

The children from the Home at Alexandria were admitted and entertained Grand Lodge with singing, recitations and calisthenic exercises.

Membership 34,905. Gain 408.

Louisiana is represented by R.W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell of Toronto and we are represented by R.W. Bro. N. B. Null.

Foreign Correspondence is in the experienced and skilled hands of John A. Davilla, an old friend of the Round Table, who in his introduction well says:

All in all it is not an unhealthy indication and the Order as a whole will be the better for the elimination from the rolls of those who value so lightly the privilege of connection with an institution such as ours. The plans of the Masonic Service Association of the United States are being followed, in the main, and we, who are in harness, need no prophet to foretell the beneficial result.

Masonry of to-day, as a matter of fact, has struck its stride and is marching forward, with positive objectives, the accomplishment of which will mark an epoch in our history.

We appreciate his kindly review of Canada. He makes a specially long extract from the address of Grand Master Drope as to dishonesty in high places and as to dishonor falling upon the Craft indirectly. He adds this word of commendation:

The subject matter of the above is so applicable to our own jurisdiction that we have repeated it here for the especial benefit of our membership.

Of the report on the Condition of Masonry he has this commendatory word:

The report as a whole, while local in some matters can be said to cover the general situation. The board makes a diagnosis of existing conditions and prescribes remedies where they appear to be neces-

stay. They pay due credit to the district deputies for faithful performance of duty. A careful reading of their reports shows the praise or be well deserved.

And we must personally thank our colleague for his kindly reference to our review which he calls a "splendid correspondence report" and speaks of it as an "outstanding reason."

He reviews the work of sixty-six Grand Jurisdictions and is not sparing with his comment. He shows broadness of vision when in the review of North Dakota, he says:

Here he quotes in full our reference to the Ku Klux Klan and adds:

We hold no brief for Ku Klux Klan but can say "Them's our sentiments."

And closes with a personal affection which is appreciated:

Louisiana receives very kindly treatment and we assure Brother Ponton that we appreciate his friendship, more than type can express.

The next Annual Communication will convene February 7, 1927. The Proceedings are endorsed "the property of the Lodge, not the Officers."

J. Paul Haller, New Orleans, M.W. Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, R.W. Grand Secretary.

MAINE

M.W. Brother David Edward Moulton, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication was held at Portland, May 5th, 1925.

The Proceedings are endorsed as follows: "Every lodge must preserve one copy in the hall, and when a volume is completed should bind it for the use of the lodge."

From our own R.W. Bro. J. B. Way of the Sault, Grand Representative of Maine, a letter was read to Grand Lodge at the opening of Proceedings from which

we take two paragraphs. As usual R.W. Bro. Way always does the right thing at the right time:

Permit me to say that I appreciate very much the receipt of the Annual Journal of Proceedings of your Grand Lodge, from which I receive much satisfaction in discerning how closely you adhere to the Ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity.

In these days there is a tendency to seek after novelties which as I see them, will only encumber, if not retard our most laudable endeavors, and it is well that we stand fast to the essence of those objects for which we were instituted.

The Grand Master then read his businesslike annual address from which we select a few paragraphs:

Much that was hoped for is still unaccomplished, and must await further, but no more earnest effort. It is a source of wonder to me how my predecessors contributed so much to the Craft from out their busy lives. It is a tribute to the quality of their leadership that makes me most humble in my efforts to follow in their footsteps.

"Look where we may the wide world o'er,
Those lighted faces smile no more,
Yet love will dream and faith will trust,
(Since He who knows our need is just)
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.

The Master Mason is a publication of inestimable value to the Fraternity, ably edited by one of the foremost Masonic students of the day, the Rev. Brother Joseph Fort Newton.

Of the George Washington Memorial he says:

A symbol of the unity and power of Freemasonry in whose fellowship our first President lived and wrought, led by its light, taught by its truth, hallowed by its spirit, the Republic itself at once its monument and his Memorial.

Among his decisions are the following:

In answer to the question, "Can a lodge allow a brother to use its hall for his marriage service?" I replied that the lodge should not allow the use of its hall for such service; that Masonic halls are dedicated to Masonic purposes and the marriage ceremony could hardly be construed as Masonic.

In answer to the question whether a lodge can accept an invitation to attend a church service where the pastor is not a Mason, I rendered the opinion that it was entirely proper to do so.

Of charitable work generally he says:

While the responsibility of our Fraternity in dispensing charity is individual, and should be kept so and never entirely transferred to the lodges or the Grand Lodge, it is difficult to adjust ancient

usages to modern conditions. There has been a vast change since the days when our lodges were small, the members closely in touch with each other, and Masonic relief easily given by brother to brother. Today with many lodges counting their membership by hundreds, the calls for assistance have proportionally increased with no adequate means of distributing the burden.

From his conclusion we take this sample of his craftsmanship:

Carlyle once said, "Our great business undoubtedly is not to see what lies dimly at a distance but to do what lies clearly at hand." Let this be our task. May the result of our deliberations meet the approval of the Grand Architect of the Universe and advance the glory and usefulness of the Fraternity for there is much to be done.

Would but the nations heed thy Plumb—war's carnage soon
would end,
Thy Level rivalries subdue, thy Square to virtue tend,
Thy trowel spread that true cement which doth all hearts unite.
And darkness comprehend and glow with thy immortal Light—
Live on, O Masonry, live on!

Bro. Ashley A. Smith presented the report on Fraternal Correspondence and Foreign Relations in which he said:

To prepare it had required many hours of labor, which he hoped would result in better education of the craft in Maine. He had endeavored to condense the best ideas found by reading the reports from other Grand Jurisdictions into shape and space to make their reading interesting and profitable.

Of Mexican affairs he offers this counsel:

The truth of the Great Light may well stay precipitate action, "Who made me a judge and divider over you?" Indeed, we have read so much on both sides of the question, and each, on paper, makes out such a convincingly clear case for itself, that we are rather forced to the conclusion, that when "the house is swept and garnished," and no longer "a house divided against itself," it will be time for us to consider such recognition. "First be reconciled with thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift," said the Great Light, and we may well take that counsel as "the rule and guide of our faith and conduct" in the matter of recognition of either opposing Mexican Grand Lodge.

His comment upon the action of New York with regard to Grand Orients in terminating fraternal relations is as follows:

The significance of the above commendable and justifiable Edict so far as the Grand Lodge of Maine is concerned, is in the fact that such necessary and truly Masonic action on the part of New York, entirely justifies the conservative action and attitude which has

characterized this Grand Lodge of Maine from the beginning, respecting fraternal recognition of many Grand Orients and Grand Lodges, which, like the Grand Orient of Belgium have abandoned belief in God, and removed the Great Light from their Altars, and from the Altars, of their constituent lodges.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers is headed by a veteran Brother, M.W. Bro. Thomas H. Bodge, which guarantees its quality.

From one of the memorials the following is worthy of citation:

At the ripe age of four score and six years, a well earned rest covers his busy life.

"The record of a life well spent
We know at parting, though we grieve,
A noble life is man's best monument."

Membership 42,981. Net increase 425.

The Report on Correspondence by R.W. Bro. Rev. Ashley A. Smith, D.D., is a revelation of what the heart attuned to true culture and the message of good will can attain. We feel sure our brethren will like to share his message as far as possible in the work of this outstanding man among reviewers:

When Dr. William Harvey first discovered and announced the circulation of the blood, he recorded in his autobiography, "I was astounded by the fact that no person upward of forty years of age, would accept it." It was only the younger men who believed it.

The point of this "foreword" is this—that the blockage caused by our conservatism is always broken by each new generation of youth. Conservatism is afraid to take sacrificial risks, to make uncalculating ventures. Youth isn't—and that is the perennial glory of it, for Youth comes with a new outlook, and a fresh estimate of real and new values; it comes with an open mind, and eager will, a responsive heart, and a conscience quick, imperative and keen to rebuke the smug complacencies of conservatism and of age.

What has all this to do with Masonry? Let us see. Masonry is perennially young just because it continuously renews and rejuvenates itself by fresh acquisitions from each new generation of youth. And my plea is—give the youngsters a chance! It so happens that I am constantly thrown in with University and High School youths, and the stricture that I must often hear is that "Masonry is an old man's fraternity." I do not think the criticism is wholly fair, or even essentially true. But it is true, at least to this extent, that at most of our public appearances as Symbolic Lodges, the usual line of officers who participate in ceremonials or a semi-public nature, have

reached far beyond the average age of forty years. This is probably the reason for this rather wide spread opinion.

Give the youngsters a chance. Of course Youth disturbs and distresses us, it always has in every generation. Of course we criticize and "scold" and rebuke; people of my age always have.

Youth after all, is a disease that cures itself. What we must try to see today is that beneath all its outward "Splurge," and its multi-form gaucheries, its atrocious ways and words and works, there is the same fearless, surging spirit of Youth which will not be denied.

Our young people, in our lodges, our younger brethren, are the elect upon whom the great, good God pours all his most precious gifts, the "vision splendid" is theirs, while too much of ours has "faded into the light of common-day."

Have faith in the Youth of our times, especially after we have made them members of the Craft. Give them responsibility, something to do in our work and Masonic labors. Garibaldi was little more than a youth when he lifted the burden of oppression from Italy. William, the Silent, said in his dewy youth, "I make no alliance with earthly king or potentate, my alliance is with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Lincoln was but little older than any high school boy graduating this June from a Maine Academy, when he made that memorable trip to New Orleans in a flat-boat down the Mississippi, and saw a slave-girl, more white than black, sold at public auction in the market-place of that Louisiana city, and remarked those memorable words to his young companion: "If I ever get a chance to hit that thing (slavery) I'll hit it hard."

Indeed there is no more wholesome, tonic thing for us to do, if we believe that we have fallen upon evil times, than to open our history, or to open the Great Light of our Masonic Institution and read the words of the wise King Solomon (Ecclesiastes 7:10)—"Say not thou what is the cause that the former days were better than these; for thou doest not consider wisely concerning this."

Canada is reviewed in friendly, generous and fraternal fashion. He says of our gathering in 1924 when many well known Masons were absent:

We are glad to learn the reason of their absence, they being in England "attending the meeting of the English (and American) Bar Association." Ontario mourns the death of P.G. Master Henry Robertson, eighty-four years of age.

What a splendid record of benevolence is contained in this record—"During the year just closed we have distributed One Hundred Thousand Dollars to our needy dependents, and at least Fifty Thousand more has been distributed by the constituent lodges." And yet this noble Grand Master suggests that this is not enough and urges the larger and more prosperous lodges "to act as foster-parents to our orphans. No nobler work could be undertaken than the care and education of a neglected child."

Under "Masonic Offense" the Grand Master does not excuse or condone the laxity of some lodges in prosecuting persistent and notorious offenders. Here are a few of his forthright words: "Immorality in every form must be banished. Our laws must be enforced."

To the Grand Master's address he pays a worthy tribute as follows:

Altogether Grand Master Drope's report, is a stirring message and clarion-call to the nobler ideals of Masonic conduct and character which it has been both a delight and inspiration to read.

Of R.W. Bro. Shanks' Condition on Masonry he is most appreciative:

The Report of the Committee gives us several pages of instructive material in which R.W. Bro. Shanks, touches vitally on such matters as "Masonic Publicity," condemning "the struggle for the front page," on socialized Freemasonry, on Education. He says of the Report on Foreign Correspondence "that it is too rich a storehouse to be locked up from anxious searches for Masonic knowledge." In which we emphatically agree, having read Ontario's reports by eminent and able reviewers for several years.

And of our own review and our never to be forgotten visit to Maine he says in words which go to the heart:

The joint report is an interesting and able document and does honor to Bro. Ponton, the Chairman of the Committee. There are 268 informing pages which we have read with ever increasing pleasure and a kind of cumulative interest to the end. As enthralling in its narrative manner as many novels, it is filled with a clear Masonic light which is both interpretative of events and penetrative of Masonic problems and issues. A lucid legal mind, and what is incomparably better, an open and responsive human heart, is evidenced throughout the review. After the review of many others we thought of that text in Scripture, "the shadow of a great rock in a desert land." For in the cool, refreshing shade of this great report we have been sitting, reading and meditating for many hours. And we have been not only refreshed but as Tennyson said, "lifted up and strengthened" by the experienced. Suffice it to say, it is one of the outstanding reviews of the year.

But when at the opening we read the following, which is only a part of it, we blushed like a debutante on being asked to dance with the Prince of Wales: "Maine has not merely an outstanding Grand Master, but also one of the ablest Grand Correspondents in the Masonic world, etc." Any man has a right to "throw out his chest" to speak in the vernacular of the street after that! and to believe as the phrase has it in New England, that he is "some pumkins."

Under Utah he is particularly happy in his comments on Bro. Goodwin:

When we read that we knew that Bro. Goodwin really knew

something at first hand about Maine, and we find corroboration of this in his wholly beautiful and brief lyrical song at the mention of the dedicating of a new Masonic Hall at Bar Harbor. We will put his poem in the Walt Whitman form, although he has expressed it in prose:

"Bar Harbor,
How familiar are many of the names of Maine's towns,
How inextricably are many of them bound up with a bundle of
memories;
Which make the Down East Country to stand out quite apart,
From all other localities for the writer of these lines;
And no less is true of the men and women whom we knew in
that State:
In years long since gone by."

That surely is a gem of tribute and affectionate praise as of one to the manor born, who must have been nourished on our hillsides and tasted "the mettle of our pastures" and who still carries something of the strength of our granite hills in his vertebrae and the clear gleaming waters of our shores and lakes and rivers in his vision. "In the years long since gone by," there is a pathos and poetry in those few words that make us love Sam Goodwin, and we greet him across the myriad miles and the spaces of the years, as a man of Maine and a true son of our soil.

He closes Wymoiing thus gracefully:

Your correspondent is given credit for "a review that is well worth the time taken to read it. "Thanks."

And having done this apostolic thing, we hereby grant gentle forgiveness for the oversight, and canonical absolution for his error.

David E. Moulton, Portland, Grand Master.

Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA

James S. MacEwing, M.W. Grand Master.

1925 was the fiftieth anniversary of this Grand Lodge which abounds in good works. A Golden Jubilee Dinner was tendered to official guests and to Old-Timers to whom special toasts were devoted and old familiar songs as "When you and I were Young" and "Off to Philadelphia in the Morning" were sung.

Fine portraits of the new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Crossin and of our veteran friend James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, full of "ginger" and of geniality, adorn the Proceedings.

The Communication was opened in the Fort Garry Hotel, June 10th, 1925. Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid.

A reproduction of the tablet marking the spot where in 1864 Northern Light Lodge was instituted, fills a historic page.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following information given by a skilled recording pen:

For the fiftieth time the gavel has sounded in the Grand East of this Grand Lodge to summon the representatives of our Constituent Lodges.

The three original lodges which formed our Grand Lodge were Prince Rupert's Lodge, Lisgar Lodge and Ancient Landmark Lodge, and the total membership in the Province at that time did not exceed two hundred members. From this small beginning Grand Lodge has grown until at the present time we have one hundred Constituent Lodges and approximately twelve thousand members.

It was indeed a momentous occasion for Freemasonry in this Great West, and the brethren of those days must have been endowed with great faith and vision to accept the responsibility of forming a Grand Lodge in a territory which spread from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains, but this vision and faith in the future of our country has been typical of the men connected with this Province from the days of the Selkirk Settlers down to the present time.

"All these were honored in their generations
And were the glory of their times,
Yea, they were men of mercy,
Whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten,
Their bodies are buried in peace,
But their name liveth for evermore."

He gave the following ruling:

To amplify this I might state that any lodge, meeting in a Masonic Temple, is not debarred from using any suitable room in said building if the regular lodge room is occupied, but its purpose is to prevent a lodge dividing itself up between two or more rooms under the same roof in order to transact business and confer degrees simultaneously, or confer a larger number of degrees.

With regard to lodge notices he gives some good advice which reminds this reviewer of his own often times repeated encouragement to lodge secretaries to avoid "the bald and the bare."

Good paper, clear type, historical data, such as date of Dispensation and issuance of Charter, names of principal Grand

Lodge and all Lodge Officers, fitting reference to any specially interesting features of the immediate past meeting or the coming one for the benefit and encouragement of absent brethren and the information of those outside the length of their "cable-tow", might well be commended. At the same time a tendency to lower the dignity of such a notice by including items of a frivolous nature, "domestic" comments or flippant allusions should be carefully avoided.

A good lodge secretary is a "gem of purest ray serene," such are "born, not made." If you have a good one, hang on to him, and if a poor one, make a change. Some may be paid too much, many are paid too little. An ideal secretary will neither feel that he is the whole lodge nor attempt to run it his way, but will in all things pay deference to the Master for the time being and be a power for good in the lodge.

He speaks with approval of a meeting at which the veterans were honored:

Lord Selkirk Lodge cannot be too highly commended for the compliment so graciously extended, nor the honor so kindly paid to those who have borne the heat and burden of the Masonic years.

Of another gathering at Fort Garry Lodge when the chairs were all manned by Past Grand Masters he says:

To Fort Garry Lodge is due the credit for instituting an evening, unique at least in this Jurisdiction, when they put on a Past Grand Masters' Night. Fourteen Past Grand Masters out of a possible twenty-six were able to be present, and the Master Masons' degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner.

Masonic research and education he says has become a life asset instead of a dead deficit.

Of historic records he gives us these words:

Test one of your members on his memory of incidents in lodge history even twenty years ago, and then you will agree with Long-fellow:

"Lo! how all things fade and perish;
From the memory of the old men,
Fade away the great traditions,
Great men die and are forgotten;
Wise men speak, their words of wisdom,
Perish in the ears that hear them."

If Freemasonry is of any use, if its work is indeed a help to humanity, then the makers of lodge history and their work is worthy of being suitably recorded.

The Grand Master and M.W. Bro. Ovas were the guests of Tennessee, and neither, they say, will ever forget how they were greeted even on the streets with the words "Hello Canada".

He closes with this verse:

"The year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said;
The memory alone remains
Of all its griefs, its joys, its gains;
And now with purpose full and clear,
We turn to greet another year."

On the average attendance at regular lodge meetings the report on the Condition of Masonry says:

It should be very definitely understood that lodges are not created for the purpose of passing Masters through the chairs and making Past Masters. Unless a prospective Master has shown some aptitude for the work and has already given some evidence of the zeal necessary for the performance of the duties in a manner that will be creditable to the Craft, his lodge and himself, there can be no justification for his election. Nor can there be any justification for conferring the rank of Past Master on any one who has simply served a term as Master without having given to that office the devotion which it demands. There are many essential factors in the work of the Master of a lodge.

Warning was given by Grand Lodge to the Grand Orient of France with regard to trespassing on the jurisdiction of others.

Membership 11,400. Increase 322.

The Committee on Jurisprudence discuss the difference between "being intoxicated" and "to be a drunkard."

Grand Chaplain Cunningham gave an eloquent address. We wish we could quote more. The following must suffice.

As Kepler looked through his telescope into the sky he said; "I think God's thoughts after him." That is also true of all high human thinking, all noble living, all upward-leaping aspiration. Truly, He that made us hath set eternity in our hearts.

"The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim

A commemoration sermon was preached at Holy Trinity, Winnipeg, on the 7th of June by M.W. Bro. Samuel P. Matheson, Primate of Canada, on the text:

"Ask of the days that are past."

It is interesting and inspiring throughout as will be realized from a perusal of the following sentences:

We were short in numbers, but we were very long in territorial extent, for it has been claimed that no other Grand Lodge in the world ever held sovereign sway over so vast an area, which comprised not only the province of Manitoba, but also the whole Northwest Territories, covering what are now the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta and the far-off Yukon.

On this great anniversary, then, when we, as a Grand Lodge, set up our Ebenezer and inscribe prayerfully upon it, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," on this golden jubilee day.

A splendid Masonic heritage of which we ought to seek to be worthy. I think that it was Burke who said that people will not look forward to posterity who never look back to ancestry, and Wordsworth says:

"In our halls is hung
Armoury of the invincible knights of old.
We must be free or die who speak the tongue
That Shakespeare spake; the faith and morals hold
Which Milton held."

Our second duty, then, this afternoon, in asking of the days that are past, is to remember before God our Masonic leaders of other days, and try to be worthy of them.

And over the door of that Grand Lodge, according to the Book which we claim as our guide, above it is written, "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

R.W. Bro. William Douglas was complimented and thanked by Grand Lodge for his history of Freemasonry in Manitoba.

Manitoba is represented in Canada by R.W. Bro. Frederick Cook of Ottawa.

The report on Foreign Correspondence has been placed in the hands of R.W. Bro. Walker Reid, Grand Senior Warden, who in his foreword says:

The instruction of brethren in various matters in connection with the Craft, as well as instruction as to what Freemasonry really should mean to us, is apparently receiving more of the attention which it deserves than it formerly got, and interest in such things as Benevolent Funds and Masonic Homes is steadily increasing.

There are certain troubles which are common to many Grand Masters and Grand Lodges; one of the most, if not the most, per-

sistent of these, being the fact that various organizations would like to make it appear that they actually form a part of Freemasonry, are branches of it, or are under its fostering care. The Freemasons of the present day hope to hand Masonry down to those who come after them as clean as it was when they received it. In order to do this it is necessary to be conservative, even at the risk of being accused by those who are not members of the Craft, and even by some who are, of being too much so. Dangers from without consist largely of the attempted grafting of such growths which do not properly belong to the Masonic body, on to it, and can be guarded against. Freemasonry has successfully withstood attacks of many kinds from without for centuries, and can keep on doing so.

Dangers from within can rise only from a lack of conservatism mentioned above.

He reviews Canada 1924, analyzing and commenting on the Grand Master's interesting address and summarizing the Proceedings, quoting especially this paragraph:

No one should be elected to the East who has not shown that he possesses the necessary qualifications for that important position. A poor Warden or Senior Deacon will never make a good Master. A good Warden or Senior Deacon may not have the necessary qualifications for a good Master. For this reason, the system of regular promotion, regardless of qualifications, should be at least modified, remembering that merit is the just title to our privileges.

He says of the Report on the Condition of Masonry that it holds the attention throughout and he makes citations therefrom.

He quotes both the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan as follows and emphasizes the importance of working out the hidden meaning and applying the teaching of the Craft to character and life:

The Work is, undoubtedly, the epitome of Freemasonry, but the memorizing is not sufficient. The understanding of every phrase, of every line, of every word; the working out of the hidden meaning, and the application of its teaching to character formation, should be the serious study of every brother.

Too often in the past we have admonished members to search out and obtain light and then left them blindfolded to grope about in the darkness, feeling their own way to the light.

Albert L. Crossin, Winnipeg, M.W. Grand Master.

James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, M.W. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND

M.W. Brother Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master.

A semi-annual Communication was held May 12th, 1925 at Baltimore.

The Grand Master made a very thoughtful address saying among other things:

It has been truly said that a Secretary can either make or break a lodge, and it is sincerely hoped that the officers will co-operate to clear the books of all outstanding dues.

One year is a bill, two years is a burden, and over two years, practically impossible. If he can pay and won't pay, the law is clear. If he is unable to pay, charity is recommended.

With regard to the site for the new Masonic Home he says:

There has been offered for sale, nearly the whole state of Maryland and each particular location presenting very forceful arguments as to why his should be selected.

Of general conditions and aspirations he thus speaks:

We all know that our beloved Fraternity is the story of human life and as we pass this way but once, it is not surprising that many of us gather flowers along the way; others seem satisfied with weeds, and many gather absolutely nothing on the journey of life and come to its end with empty hands, depending upon their more fortunate fellows for the help that they may need.

If all of our members could only be brought to realize the wonderful fruit of the labor of love that is to be the reward for the work and cultivation necessary to bring our symbols and ritual to a perfect understanding that we may not only enjoy the beauty of the bloom, but to grow with the plant, becoming more firmly established year after year, absorbing its very life-giving qualities, and passing them on to others, how different our Fraternity would be and what a wonderful meaning it would have for all of us.

We should all strive as a unit, laboring, working and building for the great Fraternity which we all love and which we hope we shall hand down to our posterity, unimpaired by the ravages of internal dissension or criticism.

Father's Lodge had made a village: men of father's sturdy brawn
Turned a wilderness to tillage, seized the flag, and carried on,
Made a village, built a city, shaped a county, formed a state—
Simple men, not wise nor witty—humble men, and yet how
great.

Father's Lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic
past;

Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders to the last.

Quiet men, not rich nor clever, with the tools they found at hand

Building for the great forever, first a village, then a land.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended the recognition of the Netherlands, which was adopted.

The Grand Lecturer said in his report:

No one is fitted to occupy the Master's chair who has not by study and experience, prepared himself to render the work of any station or place in the lodge.

The Grand Chaplain of Newfoundland was welcomed and in his reply said:

The more we see of one another, the better we understand one another and the more we realize that our aims are the same.

I thank you, Sir, for this opportunity that you have given me of speaking. I want to say that I come from Britain's oldest colony—not a part of Canada, as some people think—for we, as the Gibraltar of the West, are going to annex Canada one of these days, and I do not know that we need to stop at the border. (Laughter). As you know, Sir, the East is the source of light. We are out in the Atlantic, and, with our ear to the ground, we are able to hear what takes place on both sides of the ocean. We are able to speak English to the English and Yankee to the Yankees.

And to him the Grand Master thus responded:

Brother Bolt, I sincerely hope that you will convey to your lodge and to your Grand Lodge the sincere and cordial greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. We are glad that you not only speak our language, but that you come to us as a brother; and we hope that the flag under which you fight will be so mingled with this flag that the red, white and blue will be indistinguishable.

The One Hundred and Tirty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Baltimore, November 17th, 1925.

Canada's representative did not answer the roll call.

Membership 32,055, net gain 758.

The Grand Lecturer said:

A long, loyal line of Past Masters is one of the greatest assets a lodge can have.

The Grand Master who was ill, wrote in his address:

And I sincerely trust that it will not stop until every lodge in the State has its own hall and will be in a position to use it independ-

ently of any body. That is just as important, possibly, as a man owning his home. The other fact that I desire to bring to your attention is the large number of corner stones that have been laid by the lodges, not only of Masonic buildings, but of other places — churches, school houses and other public buildings. It seems the real work of Masonry is being carried forward in that way.

Grand Lodge with-drew from the Masonic Service Association.

M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., represents Maryland near Canada, and Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. John Hiltz near Maryland.

The Correspondence Review is by R.W. Bro. Rev. Henry Branch, P.S.G.W., who says in his introduction:

There seems to be a great revival of interest on the subject of Education, a most encouraging prospect for those whose supreme idea is LIGHT.

Arizona gives him this:

And when some of us plead that we are too busy to go to Lodge or to accept an Office in the lodge, let us try to recall this example of a truly great man who found the maintenance of the Organization worth while.

Arkansas gives this record of the doctrine of averages:

The Masonic Orphans' Home and School reports "We may say in conclusion, that the Masonic Orphans' Home and School of Arkansas is not an "average" charitable Institution; that it is not an "average" Orphan's Home, it has been our pride all these years that it is above the average, in every essential detail. Masonry is not an "average" Institution, and it is fitting that in the conduct and management of our Home we seek a higher level than the average. The result of this ambitious purpose shows in the splendid product and fruitage of the Home.

Under Georgia we find:

Of the Home he says: "The interest of every Mason in Georgia centers in our Home. It is our noblest charity. They are our children and call for our special care and love.

He culls this from Kansas:

The conditions at the Home have been more nearly ideal than at any time in its history. . . . Silver and Gold cannot buy the love and tender care these children of ours must have. It is a genuine pleasure to report that this wonderfully practical work of Masonry is being well and faithfully done.

Massachusetts furnishes this to our confrere:

The Address of Dr. Loring, on Speculative Masonry at once challenges your attention. I snatch a word here and there:

"From no unworthy objects has Masonry chosen its emblems. Into no low and common association is the Brother brought by any symbol of his brotherhood. . . It was indeed a sublime design when from the Temple of Solomon man selected his emblems."

The Centennial Anniversary of Liberty Lodge called for three days celebrations and the following choice bit attracted my attention:

"That they were hospitable in those days, goes without saying. There is one bit of paper—a mere scrap—a bill for Thirty-two gallons of wine and a considerable "portion of rum".

Canada is favourably reviewed. He says:

The question of Benevolence receives special attention "We are not doing our full duty as Masons to allow those brethren, who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and who, in the years that have been relegated to the almost forgotten past have kept the torch of Masonry alight, to spend their sunset under circumstances that are undesirable and unsatisfactory.

The Report of the Board of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry makes some very wise suggestions.

The Review of Fraternal Correspondence is too rich a store house to be locked up from the anxious searchers for Masonic knowledge. . .

I am stealing from the space allotted me, and wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to and my appreciation of my genial and congenial co-worker in review, God bless him.

He makes large quotations from the "Condition of Masonry."

The next Annual will be held in Baltimore, November 16th, 1926.

Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore, Garnd Master.

George Cook, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS

M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master.

Several Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held at Wollaston, Holyoke, Plymouth and other places for the celebration of anniversaries of old lodges, and the history of each lodge so visited is printed in the

Proceedings, a useful custom and a precedent which we hope will be followed in other Grand Jurisdictions, including Canada.

At a Quarterly Meeting held March 11th, 1925, at Boston our old and valued friend, R.W. Bro. Curtis Chipman, Deputy Grand Master, acted as Grand Master in the absence at the Canal Zone and in Chile of Grand Master Ferrell, who was on a special mission. We find that R.W. Bro. Chipman is as much at home in the Craft as M. Ex. Companion Chipman was in the Royal Craft. From his address we take a few paragraphs by way of illustration of the work he did in the absence of the Grand Master.

It is not, however, to be forgotten that there is a very great distinction between the true conservative and the man who objects on principle to any new thing. The true conservative realizes that organizations must adjust themselves to conditions and to progress, ever bearing in mind that such adjustment is entirely compatible with faithfulness to principle, and adherence to the Landmarks. When we realize the enormous development of Freemasonry which has taken place in this jurisdiction within the last dozen years we must readily see that many matters of detail must necessarily be modified if the true interests of the Fraternity are not to suffer.

I assure you in the strongest terms that the Grand Lodge has no intention of destroying or even invading the autonomy of the lodges.

Delinquent members, after due notice, will be suspended by the Grand Lodge from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. It must be remembered that this is a much more serious matter than suspension in a lodge. If a member is suspended by the Grand Lodge his connection with his lodge is definitely severed.

On his reinstatement by the Grand Lodge he is an unaffiliated Mason, and can regain affiliation only by application for membership in some lodge, and passing a clear ballot.

The chief feature of the meeting was the discussion as to the sale of the Masonic Temple at \$1,500,000, as to which M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson presented a very clear report and address. Grand Lodge tabled the proposal, and the matter of sale was left open for further consideration.

A Quarterly Communication was held 10th June, 1925.

The following ruling was made:

In case the Master-elect of a lodge is unable to present himself with the other officers for installation, his predecessor in office holds over until such time as the installation of the Master-elect takes place. (Not the Senior Warden).

Grand Master Ferrell's report of his visit to the Canal Zone and South America described in graphic language, reads like a romance and the buoyant spirit of it can be caught from the following paragraphs:

If the gifts of both time and power of expression were today bestowed upon me I could, with satisfaction not only to you but also to myself, tell the story of our visit to South America, and of our contacts with the brethren not only there but in the lands that lie between us and them, namely, the Republic of Cuba, the Canal Zone, and the Republic of Panama.

More than ever were we impressed by the reality, of that mysterious sympathy and understanding which, existing among the brethren of the world, constitutes the essence of our fraternalism. Whether sitting in lodges where English was spoken or in those where only Spanish was used, the brotherly spirit prompting the addresses giving us welcome was in a language needing no interpretation—it was the language of the friendly heart easily understood by men of every nation and all tongues.

The ritual in all the ceremonies was Massachusetts ritual; the language was Spanish. Then your Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge. During the course of the evening one name was mentioned often, and I would like to testify to the brethren that among Masons who are honored by a place in the thoughts of our Brethren of Panama no one holds a higher place than the M.W. Melvin M. Johnson.

These brethren are worthy of their membership in this the oldest Grand Lodge in the Americas, and in their hands the traditions and honorable record of Massachusetts are safe.

And may I say here, that the relations existing between the lodges, whether English, Scottish, or Chilean, are very harmonious.

It is true that there have been some who would have dedicated the Fraternity to the consummation of certain political plans. Their influence today has passed and the *principles* of progress, not its particular and divisive *plans*, are alone considered worthy of championship, and that too not through organized Masonic effort but through an organized citizenship, the individual parts of which have been enlightened and enthused by the moral obligations of Masonic teaching.

Brethren, the journey was well worth while. If we are to have overseas lodges and are to expect of them the same loyalty and readiness of effort that we have learned to look for from the lodges of our Commonwealth, we must at certain intervals, of not too long a duration, show a personal interest in their welfare. I believe that we have no more loyal brethren anywhere, no better Masons can be found

anywhere, than we found in our lodges on the Canal Zone and in South America. I bring, by their request, their affectionate greetings to the brethren whom they have never seen, but with whom they are indeed proud to be counted as constituting the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Quarterly Communication was held September 9th, 1925.

The Grand Master from his boundless store appears to be able to give four grand addresses during the year, and he thus solemnly began this address:

What seems to us to be one of the tragedies of time in its passing, is the separation between friends and brethren which it often compels.

He reports, from a survey, the interest in Freemasonry unabated, and says:

The second mark of interest which a survey displays is the very evident awakening of the brethren themselves to a broader vision of Masonry, to a deeper plumbing of its depths of meaning and a broader measure of the obligations it imposes as well as the privileges it confers. I do not believe there ever was a time when the brethren not only expected but demanded more from our association, and sketched with less vagueness the duties which such a brotherhood must acknowledge in order to maintain its integrity and justify its existence. Perhaps it is the requirement of an ordered social existence more clearly revealed because of an assertive and self-evident social disorder that has produced this new attitude on the part of the brethren.

Masonry, like a similar system of moral philosophy embodied in an organization of individuals, such as constitute the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges of Massachusetts, is either one of the assets or one of the liabilities of the life that men must live together here upon the earth.

He reports that the Service Bureau has in three months advantageously placed 140 Masons and dependents whose yearly wage amounts to about \$184,000. This is good Craft work well done.

Of the constructive programme of Education adopted through the Masonic Service Association in Massachusetts he says:

We give life to the plan by our attention, our loyalty, our self-sacrifice, our vision of nothing but the welfare of the Craft, or else we destroy it by indifference and carelessness, by a selfish seeking for what is called honor, by falsely reading into positions of leadership the glory of authority when in truth the only luster they have is the privilege of service.

The Grand Secretary, Frederick W. Hamilton, gives a glowing and informing report of his visit to Ireland on the occasion of the Bi-Centenary and adds a striking picture of the Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master, with a typical Irish face, genial and handsome. Of conditions generally he speaks thus:

Dublin itself is heavily scored with the marks of conflict, from the pathetic ruins of the magnificent Four Courts, to the cellars of burned-out shops. There is no money for reconstruction, no means for revitalizing destroyed enterprises.

The labor situation is very bad. The old feelings of rebellion and discontent seem to have transferred themselves from the political to the industrial field. There is a lack of the spirit of harmonious co-operation so necessary to get things going again.

This is the dark side of the picture. Fortunately there is a brighter side. Law and order have come, and this is much. The government is doing its best.

A Quarterly Communication was held December 9th, 1925, the following brethren representing Quebec, Williamson, Couper and Moore.

The Grand Master delivered another wonderful address, the tenor and beauty of which can be gathered from the following paragraphs of outstanding interest:

How confusing is time in the various fashions of its appearance. Upon leaden feet it sometimes seems merely to crawl; again, upon wings, it speeds with inevitable swiftness upon its errand of gathering the material from which is woven the destiny of man.

A just survey of the past year, to which such reflections as we have made vocal lead us, leaves us conscious of regret, it is true but it is not the regret that comes from a careless disregard of any privilege offered, but rather the regret that, try as hard as we might, the limitations of both time and strength prevented us from accomplishing all that might have been done for the Fraternity in Massachusetts.

To know Masonry one must acquaint himself with the history and traditions of the Craft, the procedure and jurisprudence thereof. He must keep company with the personalities which have given Freemasonry's definition to the world.

This sketches the education of a Mason to the end that he may practice his profession, and this is the purpose of our Educational Program, and in the years ahead the effort which has been initiated this year promises well.

Brethren, for three years I have tried to serve the Craft in Massachusetts. Your confidence in the Grand Master so gen-

erously expressed, was not only a magnificent gift, an honor of glorious lustre to him who received it, but it was quickly resolved by what I trust was a full appreciation of it, into a responsibility which challenged every capacity for hope and effort that your Grand Master possessed. Sometimes the fount of energy was almost drained.

We have gone far in relieving Freemasonry of the charge of being a purely speculative philosophy and have revealed that which it has always had, namely, the tangible substance of an operative science.

Nothing in this world can check our progress toward larger growth and a more effective usefulness to the society of men; nothing can stand in the way of our achieving greater honor as a vital factor in the soul life of America, except ourselves.

We open the book of Memory and from its pages there step forth those who once met the difficulties that we are meeting and were perplexed, even as we. We listen again to the story of their experience, we catch anew the contagion of their faith in Freemasonry we again strike hands with those who, though dead, have never died, and, in company with those whose souls forever go marching on, we will have with larger courage and a deeper consecration, the adventure of new duties and larger responsibilities.

Thus do I read the future.

No finer setting for the conclusion to the Grand Master's address can be found than the beautiful photo-gravures of Massachusetts' Masonic Home in many of its different aspects, without and within. Canadians have only to read and see for themselves what our own potentialities are and I believe also our duties, in this regard.

Membership 123,324. Net gain 2,205.

The stated Communication of Grand Lodge was held December 28th, 1925, to install Grand Officers and to celebrate the Feast of St. John.

Our own Grand Master Rowland with M.W. Brother Wardrope and Past Grand Master Shatford of Quebec, with M.W. Bro. Williamson were the honoured guests of Grand Lodge.

The installation of the Grand Master was splendidly dignified. After his salutation occurred this striking ceremonial:

The Grand Marshall now made proclamation that Frank Leslie Simpson had been duly elected and installed Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and invoked the blessing of God upon his govern-

ment of the Craft. The Grand Master arose and reverently made the ancient response.

"May the Grand Architect of the Universe pour down His blessings on this Society, and enable me to discharge the great trust reposed in me to the honor of His name and of the Royal Art, and may there never be wanting such to fill the Chair who shall promote Masonry and the good of mankind so long as the world endureth, Amen."

And all the Craftsmen responded, "So mote it be."

At the Grand Feast the first speaker was the new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, who thus spoke of the significance of the gathering:

We are celebrating tonight a very ancient Feast. I imagine it is common knowledge, certainly to those who have served Masonry for a time, that the holding of the Feast of St. John was ordered by the Grand Master of England in issuing his warrant to Henry Price to form the Provincial Grand Lodge of New England in 1733.

First, it is held at this time of the year, the latter part of the year; at a time when, in our ordinary affairs, we are taking stock of our condition.

But there is another and greater significance to me in this Feast, and that is in the character of the Saint in whose honor it is held. I should not undertake to delineate before you the traits of character of St. John the Evangelist, unless I were to present to you, as one layman to another, the simple things about that character that appeal to me and are of peculiar significance to the Masonic Fraternity.

It has always seemed to me, and it seems to me now, that the peculiar message of the Master to you and to me was contained in that commandment which he gave and which we have interpreted as presenting a simple and practical program of universal brotherhood—typified to me more by St. John the Evangelist than by any character in history, other than the Master himself.

The programs of Masonry are the simplest things in the world, and our own mental integrity and intellectual self-respect demand that we analyze and understand them, and then that we put them into practical operation.

He then introduced His Excellency Brother Alvan T. Fuller, Governor of Massachusetts, who made a fine and human address in which among other things he said:

I think the best service we can render our fellowmen is to go out and preach what we believe and what we know to be true, and, more important than preaching, practice it.

I am very glad to meet with you; I am glad to extend the greetings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to our guests from

Canada. There was a statesman years ago who advocated reciprocity between Canada and the United States, but I do not think he ever dreamed how the trade was to develop.

The Grand Master in introducing M.W. Bro. Rowland said:

There has always been a very close bond of friendship and understanding between the people of our neighbor to the North and ourselves. Throughout all the years there has been that common bond of understanding that has enabled us to live together on this hemisphere as friends, as neighbors, and as descendants from the same stock. That political relationship has been matched in the Masonic relationship between our brethren on the North and ourselves in Massachusetts.

We are justly proud of our Grand Master and his address at the feast was in every way worthy. We share with our brethren some fine extracts in which we can see the man:

It is a matter of congratulation with us that the fraternal relations between these two grand bodies have been so materially strengthened in these recent years, and it is due in no small measure to the efforts of that eloquent apostle of good will, Most Worshipful Brother Ferrell.

I wish to tell you here that we in Ontario who had an opportunity of receiving him in 1923 and again in 1925 cherish for him an esteem and affection that is scarcely second to your own. I was particularly glad to be able to visit the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts before he had retired to what in my own country I would call the dignified silence of the senate. But in Massachusetts I withdraw the word "silence."

I am very glad also to be here to convey to your new Grand Master the assurance of our fraternal regard. I wish for him the same success which in past years has attended his predecessors, and I hope sir, that before I lay aside the gavel and the waters of Lethe close over me, I shall have the pleasure and privilege of receiving you in my own Grand Lodge.

Masonry is not a thing of the year 1925 or the year 1926. The obligations which the candidate at your altar takes upon himself are not confined to his lodge, they are not confined to the four walls of this Temple. Even as he knelt and took those obligations other candidates were kneeling at similar altars, taking similar obligations, under similar auspices, in all the four quarters of the world. Those obligations are reciprocal. The certificate of membership which you hand to him entitles him to the exercise of certain privileges within this jurisdiction, but that certificate is also a passport into the respect, the esteem, the confidence of tens and hundreds of thousands of good men the wide world over.

I like to think of Masonry in this way. It gives a new force to our Masonic obligations. It gives a new significance to the Ancient

Landmarks. It makes us understand anew the importance of maintaining the standards and upholding the traditions that belong to us.

It enables us to appreciate, as nothing else can do, the great influence which this Fraternity can and must exercise for the betterment of the world. As the Grand Master said, the object of Masonry is very simple. We are not attempting to carry into effect any elaborate social or moral reform. We are devoted to the plain, simple purpose of affecting the hearts and minds of our brothers, of fostering and creating therein a spirit of good will, of giving to them a saner and clearer outlook upon life, of making them understand, better, perhaps than they understood before, the great truth that life is a responsibility.

M.W. Bro. Wardrope made a most fitting and earnest reply. He was in great form.

Then followed M.W. Bro. Williamson and M.W. Bro. Shatford.

From M.W. Bro. Shatford's noble speech we take the following for the benefit of our Canadian brethren who can get it in no other way:

But I would be untrue to my position as your guest tonight if I did not express my thanks, in such terms as I am able to choose, for the extraordinary impression that has been made upon my mind today by that beautiful installation ceremony. It is the first time I have had the pleasure of witnessing anything quite so dignified and impressive; the speeches that were made, couched in choice and dignified language; not too long, just containing the necessary sentences to inspire the officer being installed, the surroundings, with all those wonderful historic faces looking down upon one; the most beautiful music! Everything has left such an impression upon my mind that I am determined that if possible something shall be done in our own Canadian Grand Lodges by way of improving our installation ceremony.

Then there is another most extraordinary parallel. Three years ago a great wave of intelligence swept over the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and they both agreed upon a preacher as Grand Master. (Applause). My good friend, Brother Dudley Ferrell, was elected as your head, and I was elected at the same time as head of the Masons in the Province of Quebec. I am sure that will do away with the old heresy that parsons are unbusinesslike, that they are unable to make things go, for in the three years you have had such an era of prosperity and inspiration in this Grand Lodge that I am sure it will be very difficult to duplicate it.

I am reminded of a little story which bears upon the businesslike methods of the parson. There were three boys who got together one time and they were comparing notes as to the relative ability of their fathers to make money. One boy said, "My father is a lawyer.

People come into his office and he writes reams and reams of paper and then he makes piles and piles of money."

The next boy said, "My father is a dentist and people come into his office and sit in a chair and he taps their teeth with a steel instrument and he makes heaps and heaps of money."

The third boy said, "My father is a parson, and he goes up into a pulpit and preaches for twenty minutes and it takes eight men to carry up his salary." (Laughter.)

Never was there a day in the history of the Order when we were possessed of such an unrivalled opportunity as we have now to put the principles which underlie our Order into some useful, practical thing, in order that these cleavages between men may be done away with, and in order that we may bring in the great brotherhood of man.

It is the essential worth, the value of the man that counts in the Masonic fraternity, and that is the principle upon which world unity can be built, and the only principle.

If he had the root of the matter in him, it mattered not in what nation or social condition he lived, he was valued because he was a man.

It is the essential value of his manhood, and wherever we go we have got to preach that doctrine. Not only have we got to preach it, but we have got to exhibit it in our own lives and in our relationships with men of other races and of other religions and of other social walks in life.

The second great foundational principle in Masonry is the one doctrine which Masonry preaches, and that is the Fatherhood of God.

Mark you, Masonry does not *make* men brothers. Masonry exhibits brotherhood. Masonry manifests fraternity. God made us brothers. We have one God.

The third essential characteristic of Masonry is its doctrine of light.

What does the symbol of light mean, if it does not mean the reason and intelligence with which God Almighty has endowed us?

You have the words upon your Grand Lodge seal, "Follow reason."

Charity is the great arch word of Masons. It does not mean flinging a coin to a distressed Brother. It means charity of heart and charity of disposition. It means that wide, comprehensive, inclusive spirit which will see good in every man, which will try to discover the spark of vitality there is in every man and feed it and nourish it.

In introducing the Mayor-elect of Boston, W. Master Malcolm E. Nicholls, the Grand Master said:

As an institution, we take no part in political affairs, but we do believe that men who have been trained in the school of Masonry and who understand Masonic principles not only make good citizens, but they make good public officials. We are very proud, and very pleased and happy that one of our number has recently been selected for high administrative place.

Frank Leslie Simpson, M.W. Grand Master.

Frederick W. Hamilton, R.W. Grand Secretary.

MEXICO (YORK)

Marcus A. Leovy, M.W. Grand Master.

We possibly approach the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge with a feeling of some doubt and even condescension because of its location and because we have not seen fit heretofore to recognize it officially. A perusal of the transactions of 1925 and of former Proceedings in other years, will soon convince any Masonic reader that our brethren of this Grand Lodge of Mexico are true Craftsmen and that much inspiration can be derived from a perusal of their agenda and the expression of their aspirations and thoughts.

The Year Book begins with a biography of the new Grand Master, John I. Newell, who was born at Towyn, Wales, in 1873. He was a lawyer in South Dakota and has been a member of the Legislature of that State but has for many years resided in Mexico where his business is real estate and petroleum. He has many activities.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication was held in Tampico, April 9th, 1925. Ten representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions answered the roll call.

From the Grand Master's thoughtful address we get many gems and many truths:

My good fortune has been that paths had been cleared before me. The heaviest burdens and cares had fallen on the shoulders of the able Grand Masters who preceded me. My great care therefore was to continue to labor that Peace and Harmony prevailed throughout our entire Jurisdiction, that our friendly relationships with all Foreign Jurisdictions were cemented still stronger. All will agree that such pleasant conditions continue at present.

My wages are the many close friendships I have gained by my

visits to the lodges. If my work and counsel have in turn been of aid to the officers and brothers I am satisfied.

It isn't money, it isn't fame,
That stirs the soul to a true adventure,
Or makes them stick to the grimmest game
In spite of ridicule, doubt and censure.
Its just the spirit that holds you true
To what you've started, and bears you through it;
Its doing the work that you want to do
In the way that you want to do it.

Of the Dead he says:

Let their example be imitated, so that when we also shall travel from this imperfect to that all-perfect Celestial Grand Lodge, we may not be found wanting.

The year's work he summarizes as follows:

A better idea of the movement of our membership is explained by stating that we initiated 70, passed 65, and raised 64, and we suspended 80 making a loss in this way of only 16 net, but the demits were 29, so the latter are perhaps lost to our Jurisdiction, but not to the Fraternity in general. Our loss is some other Jurisdiction's gain.

Bro. Cohen presented the Library with 80 books, an example which will soon be imitated.

An interesting monthly called *The York Rite Trestle Board* is published and keeps the brethren in touch and well informed.

Under Investigating Committees he teaches us a lesson:

Now, if the lodge is, as our symbolism teaches us the spiritual antitype of a material temple of which every member constitutes a stone, and if in that temple it is required that none but perfect stones should be admitted, then it follows, in pursuance of the same symbolic idea that the making of new Masons is the building up of the temple, and in the process of this construction the members of the committee on character are the architects who are to judge of the quality of the material that is brought up and they must pursue the same rule of caution and diligence that the professional architect would in supervising a material temple.

General reputation is not sufficient. Each member of the Committee should inquire for himself, not merely whether the candidate bears a good character in the community where he lives, for men too often seem to be what they are not, but what is his occupation, reputable or infamous; his habits, his intelligence, his dispositions, his private as well as his public walk, and on this and any additional information like this derived from such an inquiry, they should found their report.

Of Masonry in Europe and especially with regard to his visit to Germany last year he quotes a declaration made by the Craft in Germany which rather blunted his friendly and conciliatory mission. It will be interesting to many of our readers:

A Declaration of Friendship signed by the Grand Masters of the Three Globes, The National Grand Lodge of Germany and the Grand Lodge of Prussia, usually, styled "The Prussian Old Grand Lodge."

Our relations with the Lodges of Countries which are still opposed to us are completely broken off. We would despise such a German who thinks so little of the honor of his people that he can forget the ignominy and disgrace which Germany has suffered through and after the Versailles dictation to such an extent he could enter relations with a subject of another nation if he has not previously and without reservation acknowledged the wrong inflicted on us. To battle for the rehabilitation and the restoration of the honor of our people is one of the foremost moral obligations of our Craft.

The Grand Master adds:

I have never permitted my conception of Masonic tenets and principles to interfere with my duties and obligations to my country, my family, my neighbor, or myself, so I could not continue to search for more Masonic Light in that Country.

After detailing what he gathered about Masonry in France and other European countries he speaks out with no uncertain sound as follows:

It's a farce; it's a profanation of the term Masonry.

Yet this is what the Scottish Rite Supreme Bodies of the United States fraternize with when they go to Europe every little while.

In what they term Second Voyage they ask the candidate, Do you believe instruction (education) aids in the freedom of conscience? What do you think is the meaning of Freethinker? What is the Fatherland? What is a citizen? Has he natural rights or does he receive his rights through law? What do you think of dueling? Of the death penalty? Of war? etc.

In the obligation of the E.A. they state—On this book of the Freemasons Laws (Constitution) (sur ce livre de la Loi des francs-maçons). Nowhere is the Holy name of "God" used or the Supreme Being. At another part they refer to the fact that "Altho' we do not admit actually (actuellement) any women for initiation in Masonry yet we honor them for their virtues and we love to recall their memories. In the F.C. degree they ask the candidate what is the meaning of the letter "G". He replies—"It is the monogram of gravitation, of geometry, of generation, of genius and of (gnose). So this is Masonry in France.

He then proceeds:

As we increase in knowledge so do we correspondingly increase in happiness. As we increase in knowledge so do our duties and obligations also correspondingly increase.

We must impress all of our candidates and initiates that we are inculcating a Freemasonry which appeals to their minds, and satisfies their demand for More Light, showing and teaching them where and how to satisfy this craving for Masonic Education, we create an invisible but powerful source and fount of Goodness and Morality—the foundation and cement of Good Government. Good Living, Good Education.

Teach them every day should be our day. Little acts of kindness, every day, should be our aim. That, in the final test, is what counts. It's not the big duties that we are expected to perform, but the every day little courtesies and kindnesses that take so little time and require so little energy. At home; in business; in the Lodge. They give a savour sweet and lasting to all we do, and create perfect contentment in our own bosoms. The balmy odour of sweet flowers is not more pleasing. Practice little acts of kindness and your symbolic wages will soon grow larger. As you practice honesty in thought and deed, good conduct, cleanliness in person and mind, learn to practice kindness also. Its power is great and the returns prodigious, for you will be happy.

Freemasonry needs leaders and Masonic dietetic experts. The age of the loafing-on-the-job G. High Priest (Grand Master) and the indifferent High Priest (W. Master) is passing. The Craft has become an animated interrogation point. It is crying for knowledge information and education. Will we arise to the demand or will we give them a stone when they are crying for bread?"

Portraits of Masonic Temples in Mexico show handsome and permanent structures.

The Grand Lecturer in his informing address says:

The Historical Notes with chart of York Rite Masonry, as edited by our Special Committee is now published and has brought the true light to the eyes of many of those who did not know. Real symbolic masonry, the masonry founded, developed and promulgated by the mother lodge, the United Grand Lodge of England, that masonry which this York Grand Lodge strictly follows and adheres, is gradually showing its real force in this Republic.

Why bewilder us with more signs, grips, words and ceremonies until we have grasped a proper understanding of the three symbolic degrees? Why burden the temple with unnecessary ornamentation when it is a beautiful architectural structure as it now stands? Why tarnish it with its shrines, grottos and other blatant orders? They only distract the newly made Master Mason.

One and only true God cannot be improved on. Why this rush to the shrine? Why this furor to wear a charm? Are they better

men or masons after they have it? No, brothers. Let us stop, look, listen, reflect, let us not only learn as we go, but remember what we have learned.

Forty-four Grand Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge is on terms of Fraternal interchange, are named and Canada is among those whose members are admitted to their lodges as visitors.

In the review of Fraternal Correspondence published anonymously so far as we can find, Canada does not find a place, which we regret but we cannot expect otherwise.

Montana especially appealed to him with the following:

"Certainly one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

The whole address is a wonderful and inspiring composition and we regret lack of space; otherwise we would transcribe the whole.

"I do not know
Where fall the seeds I've tried to sow
With greatest care
And yet I hope each seed will grow
And bring forth fruit
Sometime, Somewhere."

And from South Dakota he selects the following appealing verses:

He is my brother, and in peace we dwell,
If grace and patience in his actions speak,
Or fall in words of kindness from his tongue,
Which raise the fallen, fortify the weak,
And heal the heart by sorrow rent and wrung
If he gives good for ill, and love for hate
Friend of the friendless, poor and desolate
I find in him discipleship so true,
So full, that nothing further I demand
He may be bondman, freeman, Gentile, Jew,
But we are brothers—walk we hand in hand.
It is enough for me—enough for me.

John I. Newell, Tampico, Grand Master.

C. I. Arnold, Mexico, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN

M.W. Bro. Ben. J. Henderson, Grand Master.

Portraits of the new Grand Master Fox and his official family open the Proceedings.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication was held in Grand Rapids 26th May, 1925.

Past Master Fred. Locke, City Manager of Grand Rapids, delivered a very hearty address of welcome, of which the following paragraphs are a reflex:

We contribute most of our efforts to the greatest of all constructive work, the Home. We build the things that make for home betterment; make the home more durable, more beautiful. We build the things which make for the welfare of mankind, comfort and contentment. And in doing this we add, Worshipful Sir, to our own happiness and to our net worth in the scale of human achievement.

There is nothing that I can say that will add to your welcome. You will find it reflected in the faces of the Brotherhood; you will find it in our hearts. The city will be bettered because of your visit. We will be bettered and benefited because of the contacts which the occasion affords, and because of the many friendships which will be born here.

The veteran R.W. Grand Secretary Lou B. Winsor, whose name is a household word in and beyond Michigan, presented P.G.M. Anderson with a jewel to replace one that he had lost, despite the fact that no Scotchman who ever let anything get out of his hands, that once got into them, was entitled to any consideration. However they had melted the hearts of the Scotch Clansmen and he had got permission to pin the jewel on the recipient.

The Grand Commander of the Knight Templars in his reply to the welcome accorded distinguished visitors said:

You have mentioned briefly the Grand Masonic Council of the State of Michigan. There are many wonderful ideas conceived in the mind of man. I do not take credit for this, entirely, myself; but so many of these ideas "go by the board" simply because they are not proven to be intensely practical! I do believe, however, that one of the most intensely practical and up-to-the-minute needs of our Masonic Institution today is something that will bring the Masonic Fraternity closer together in all of its branches, in all of its activities.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters reported for duty in the East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond, but Canada was well represented by Bro. J. O. McKerrow of North Bay, a member of Abitibi Lodge of Iroquois Falls, to whom Grand Master Henderson had paid an official visit. Bro. McKerrow, a leading official of the Abitibi Power and Pulp Company, probably the largest Paper Company in America, was received with such a welcome as a Grand Master might well envy, Grand Lodge singing God Save the King and My Country 'Tis of Thee.

The Grand Master in his address of welcome referred to his visit to Northern Ontario, 178 miles from Hudson Bay and courteously said:

Brother McKerrow, your flag is the Union Jack; ours the Stars and Stripes—the same in color and only slightly different in design—but they stand for the same principles for all that is best in modern civilization. They stood side by side on the battle fields of France; the blood of American soldiers and those of the Dominion of Canada flowed like water that right and justice might prevail. The flags of our countries have been more closely intertwined by that than ever before.

Bro. McKerrow in his reply produced both laughter and applause saying among other things:

He came up there; he was received, and he was welcomed, and everybody in that country, and particularly Abitibi Lodge, is talking about him yet.

Before sitting down I would like to say a word in connection with Canada, as I am the only Canadian here today. I represent the Abitibi Power and Paper Company. We own and operate the largest print paper mill in the world. We sell the *Detroit Free Press* all of its paper, so that any of you who read the *Free Press* read our paper. Brother Henderson has it in his home every morning.

And in his acknowledgement of that reply P.G.M. Lusk said among other good things:

We are not only neighbors, but very good neighbors. We rejoice in your advancement and independence no less than in your friendship. Public will—not force—makes for enduring peace. Peace can always be kept, whatever be the grounds of controversy between people that desire to keep peace.

Let us go our own gaits along parallel roads, you helping us and

we helping you. So long as you maintain your independence, and we ours, those paths cannot fail to be highways of progress and prosperity.

Our protection is our fraternity. Our armor is our faith. The tie that binds more firmly year by year is an ever increasing acquaintance and comradeship through inter-change of citizens. Compact not of perishable parchment, but of fair and honorable dealing, which, God grant, shall continue for all time.

The Grand Master in his address said:

I have tried to make my administration one of constructive building, and, if it meets with the approval of the fraternity, I am well repaid.

Acting under the rules as now established—the Home is functioning in a manner most satisfactory—not only to the residents of the Home, whose happiness, of course, should be our first consideration—but much more satisfactory to the Fraternity as a whole.

The opportunity for service to the Craft is much greater than most of us realize.

The general report on the George Washington Masonic Memorial is printed in full covering many pages and the following graphic and vivid description will be interesting to those who have not had the privilege of seeing the superb edifice which is in course of erection:

It should quicken your heart throbs and give you a wider vision of the imposing dimensions of our memorial temple to visit the quarry whence comes our granite.

No finer example of efficiency can be imagined than that shown at the well-ordered operations of the Maine and New Hampshire Granite Corporation at Conway, from whose four thousand acres of mountain the precious rock is hewn. Masses of granite are unlocked from their prehistoric fortress and moved, with incredible facility, to their assigned places, where, under the deft touch of skilled artisans, they become polished pillars.

The material destined to be our Memorial has had its origin in nature's crucible, for it was there that the miracle of granite was wrought. We have joined to that miracle the miracle of human genius and skill which are of no less ancient origin. From such sources, both masterpieces of God's creation, is born this vast structure of polished pillars and wrought capitals in witness of our esteem for Washington, the Mason.

The artistry of nature's color scheme is preserved in the pink shade of the hardest rock that the earth can offer the human builder. In the huge pillars are crystalized the colors of agate green and mottled black. The whole is polished to lustre forth the fine texture of its granite strength, a symbol of the earth's permanence and of the age-lasting virtues of our Fraternity.

The rugged hills of the granite state have contributed their strength; the designers, their knowledge and art; the builders, their skill and power. It is the mind of these men, from the craftsman to the master builder, that has wooed the lesser power of the earth to yield to man her masses, her strength, and her beauty. It is their artisanship, nay, their genius, that has made the heart of the hills responsive to the call of beauty in all the graceful lines of our pillared wonder of Freemasonry.

Here is witnessed something akin to the wizardry of the ancient sculptors whose genius made marble palpitant with life and feeling.

R.W. Bro. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain, gave the Obituary Report, from which we cull some gems:

Wisdom is the invisible spirit of knowledge. Knowledge is a flower. Wisdom is the honey which distills from the flower. Knowledge is a clover flower, and Wisdom is the honey of clover; and it is not every one who can extract the honey.

Every flower of knowledge yields the honey of wisdom for those who know how to extract it. In other words, man learns from all sources.

God, in His infinite mercy and wisdom, has saved us from that heavy burden by denying us the gift of prevision.

"Heaven from all creatures hides the book of Fate.
All but the page prescribed, their present state."

Happy, today, in our ignorance of who or how many shall go out from us during the coming year to the "land that is fairer than day," and cherishing the memory of the beloved brethren whose loss we, this year, sincerely deplore, let us rise at the sound of the gavel in the East and, by this sign, testify the sincerity of our esteem for them.

The Grand Master made a supplementary address in which he said:

During the past week information reached me as to certain illegal activities of a non-Masonic organization, which requires as a prerequisite to membership therein some sort of a Masonic connection.

Believing that the situation presented is serious enough for some decided action and not wishing to move hastily without being in possession of all the facts, I therefore recommend that a special committee of three be appointed to make an investigation of this and other organizations which may be organized and operating along similar lines.

Membership 143,317.

R.W. Bro. John Rawson of Grand Rapids, represents Canada and Michigan is represented near us by R.W. Bro. William N. Gatfield of Sandwich.

Foreign Correspondence is again in the generous grasp of R.W. Bro. William H. Gallagher who features this special function of Grand Lodge.

He comments on and quotes a ruling from British Columbia:

Strange that the following point should be raised:

The Master of a lodge may not refuse to allow a member of the lodge in good standing to sit in the lodge because another member objects to sitting with him.

And of their District Deputies he says:

Here is a confession that District Deputies without "a good Masonic Lecturer" are not sufficient to guarantee the best results.

I have come to the conclusion that it would be a good help to all the outlying lodges to be visited say twice a year by a good Masonic lecturer, appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, because the brethren cannot visit lodges in the larger centers where good educative lectures are given from time to time.

He comments upon the frontispiece in our Proceedings representing M.W. Bro. Drope who is as he says "properly appareled".

Of other matters he says:

From my point of view, a Grand Chaplain is worthy of all the honor he can get.

There was a reception of Veteran Masons "who had achieved their Semi-Centennial in Masonry."

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. C. Blagrove, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson and Resolved:

That a Silver Medal, appropriately inscribed, be presented by this Grand Lodge to each Past Master in good standing of a lodge on the Register of this Grand Lodge, who has attained his fiftieth anniversary as a Ruler in the Craft.

And he speaks highly of the quality of the address of the Grand Master, from which he largely quotes:

There is a wealth of wisdom in the following excerpts. We take pains to laud the good and generous deeds of our Masonic brethren, why not receive a word of warning in a spirit of meekness?

Writing concerning Masonic offences, the M.W. Grand Master delivers himself thus:

It is found that there is too much leniency extended to Masons who are guilty of criminal offences. This shows either a spirit of indifference or a readiness to conceal or forgive crimes.

As to our vision of a Masonic Home he says:

From the report of Special Committee on Home, Hospital and School comes the death knell of a Masonic Home for Canada, for the present, at least.

But the highest praise of all comes perhaps most deservedly to R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks for his report on the Condition of Masonry:

Brother Thomas Shanks, chairman of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, has made such an admirable report that I refrain with difficulty from quoting every word. I believe you ought to have every word considered, if you will, as a "Short Talk." But my will to quote must fade away, after giving you the excerpts below.

Under England he says that the remarks of the Pro Grand Master as to Sir Alfred Robbins in America "have touched our American hearts" and he quotes almost in full the report of the Pro Grand Master on his visit to Canada, including the letter of this reviewer acknowledging the significance of the visit which, as it may not have appeared elsewhere, we take the liberty of reprinting:

You have strengthened the Imperial ties and you have established such a close and personal relationship with us in the bonds of brotherhood, that Masonry has taken on a new, a brighter, a broader and deeper significance, and we realize more than ever through you that we belong to the radiant race. You have given us an ideal *noblesse oblige*.

Twelve closely printed pages giving a detailed account of R.W. Bro. Robbins' mission to the United States form a distinctive feature of our colleague's review.

Indiana seems to have given him a fertile field and he uses it productively:

"Variety is the very spice of life,
That gives it all its flavor."

Under the impact of this couplet of Cowper's, the general method of review is reversed and instead of beginning at page one, we shall crawl backward from finis.

Years ago the Committee on Correspondence read of a dinner that was served in inverse order—coffee, dessert, salad, meat and

soup. Nothing was said of "nuts". The "Nuts" were seated around the table. Nothing was said of mints. The mints were implied in the dollars the dinner cost. Once a Mason, always a Mason?

This is a familiar saying. Is it true? It is not true. Great harm frequently results from accepting it at face value. In order that all members of the Craft in our Grand Jurisdiction may have a clear understanding of this false statement and govern themselves accordingly, I quote a statement of our Grand Secretary in regard to it.

"What a man learns while he is in good standing, of course, cannot be taken from him, but his standing in the Fraternity can, and is frequently terminated absolutely".

With regard to Grand Lodge Proceedings generally the reviewer says:

In the United States, also, Worshipful Masters, unable to attend Grand Lodge and the brethren who constitute the rank and file, are ignorant of what has transpired because not informed. Read this excerpt and you will see what is meant.

It is a part of the duty of Secretaries of lodges to make use of the reports of the Quarterly Communications, for the purpose of giving their brethren information as to what Grand Lodge has decided. To print the Official Reports as if they were simply tradesmen's circulars is a bad habit, destructive of good discipline in the Craft inasmuch as so many lodges are consequently unaware of what this Grand Lodge has done—and is to do.

Under the interesting review of Iowa we find the following:

The report of the Board of Custodians subtracts a trifle of glory from the men who are generally held up to the view of the brethren as models of faithfulness—the secretaries of constituent lodges.

We have long suspected that a good many of our letters to the Craft got "lost in the mails" and during the last two years it has been proven that they go astray somehow, for a great many of them never reach the Craft. This negligence of Secretaries is a heavy handicap to us in our work.

The volume of Michigan's transactions almost rivals that of Texas. There are 1,090 large pages, of which 510 are devoted to Fraternal Correspondence and Reviews.

Arthur J. Fox, Almont, M.W. Grand Master.

Lou B. Winsor, Grand Rapids, R.W. Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA

M.W. Brother James D. Markham, Grand Master.

Many occasional Communications of Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of laying eight corner-stones and for conducting the funeral of the late Past Grand Master Stebbins—both honoured customs.

The Seventy-second Annual was held in St. Paul at high twelve January 21st, 1925.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters added stability and adornment to the Grand East.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Herman Held, who is always faithful.

Among other striking things the Grand Master said:

We, like our much loved North Star State, are made up of little creeks, rivulets, springs, rivers and lakes, that have given to it, its name, to which so many of the world's choicest manhood have come flocking; many to remain for all life's time, while others come to see and enjoy these waters, healthful climate and invigorating influences, that put into our manhood the well known activity we possess.

Men such as these, made of such environments and ambition, with the opportunities here then endowed, are here before me, and who constitute the bone and marrow of our citizenship.

Are we then fulfilling our destiny, and performing our inescapable duties, we owe to others, and especially to those new arrivals to our shores? I fear not.

Masonry, has in my opinion, a very great and impending problem before it, in our State and Country, to properly meet and surmount the situation at present all too noticeable to any thinking red blooded American Mason. Are we not too prone to be absorbed individually, as well as collectively, in our own separate affairs, to the detriment of the Country?

Let us then arouse ourselves from our lethargy in this important matter to us as Masons, and help to put over a greater and better citizenship throughout this broad land of ours.

We say so mote it be in Canada.

He speaks of the Dead as having been faithful and zealous friends and companionable brothers.

Three lodges were destroyed by fire, emphasizing the necessity of insurance.

Two Members of Congress applied to two different lodges and these two lodges applied for dispensations to ballot at the same meeting at which applications were presented, on the ground that the Congressman's duties required his presence in Washington at an early date. The Grand Master rightly refused both dispensations.

Among his decisions were the following.

Lodge may not conduct a "Drive" for various so-called Charities.

I suspended further work by this lodge, for ballot spread and E.A. Degree conferred over the objection of a member of the lodge. His objection was equivalent to a black ball. I ordered a certificate in proper form delivered to the candidate and his money returned to him.

Yes, a non-affiliate may be tried by the lodge nearest his place of residence.

Ministers of the Gospel may not receive the degrees free or for less fees than other petitioners.

Of the Masonic Home he says, and we hope it will not be long before the Grand Master of Canada will be able to be equally enthusiastic in this connection:

This, your property, your vital interest as the representatives of your respective lodges, now if never before, claims more than ever before, the closest interest and consideration.

There are doubtless among the number present, those not formerly interested in this matter of the Masonic Home.

I, too, was at one time of that number. I have been caused to change from an ultra-conservative, to a real enthusiastic "booster" for the "Home."

This fine farm of 270 acres, with the summer mansion situated upon it, containing all of the niceties of an immense summer home, where the owner entertained his guests in a lavish manner, is located but a short drive on an excellently paved road, just outside of the Twin Cities. Said by all who have seen it and others in the several Masonic Home States, to be the most beautiful location of any.

The result thus far achieved has been to my mind, one of genuine success.

The Grand Master concludes thus worthily:

There has been a healthy growth in our membership, now past the 58,000 mark. That while there has been a great amount of work in the degrees in the metropolitan centers, there has not been the usual increase in the rural lodges. It is of course to be attributed to the general stress, from which our State has, like others dependent upon agricultural activities, not entirely recovered.

In one of the leading cities up on the "Iron Range" at the time we laid one of such corner stones of another of their spacious new school buildings, in the schools of that particular city, they were instructing children of thirty-seven different nations, tongues and dialects.

"What constitutes a State.
Not high-raised battlements, or labor'd mound,
Thick wall or moated gate;
Not cities proud, with spires and turrets crown'd;
No; men, high-minded men;
Men, who their duties know;
But know their rights; and knowing, dare maintain.
These constitute a State."

Membership 58,092, net gain 1,817.

From the report it appears that since 1920 the Masonic Home has been willed over \$200,000. Give the brethren something concrete to remember and to work for, and the wells will flow.

Full of good things as the Proceedings are, this reviewer may be pardoned in saying that the outstanding and most impressive feature is the address by Dr. Charles H. Mayo, Grand Orator, of world wide fame, whose portrait and whose words form an epitome of his life. The following paragraphs cannot do justice to this wonderful communication from this great surgeon gifted with the *tactus peritus*.

"There are more orators in Masonry than Grand Masters."

We go into Masonry, as the apprentice, and then up through the degrees; it is not run like a union, there is every opportunity to progress, education all through, just for more knowledge, for more study, for better work if you are going to be advanced to a better position with higher wages, until you get up to the master workman.

We older members of Masonry look with delight upon the work as was just recounted to you, of laying corner stones of schools that the children of our country will see that the best men in their community, wherever it may be, are Masons and that they get out and march to the laying of the corner stone having to do with our one great manufactory in America, which is education again, our

public school system, because upon competitive work in education depend the future citizens of our country.

We have merely to review the crime that has been carried on throughout this country in the last few years (because there is always a great change in mental action, the quickening of youth after every war) to see that the crimes of America are committed by our youth, not the older men.

If there is anything we need in this country today it is a little bit more religion for the youth, something to hold us and them together during this period, because it is a mental condition. Now where the trouble comes from crime to-day, is right back to the administration of our laws. That is why we have what is called the Ku Klux.

Vaccinations must be repeated. The same thing is accomplished, then for typhoid fever. We examined seven and a half million young men to get a little over four million for the war.

And, again, education is not the whole thing. We need a Minister of Health and Education in this country because only 18 per cent. were illiterate and 36 per cent. were so diseased we could not accept them for war duty.

That is a serious thing because we have not had the best to breed from in the world, we have taken them as they come, and many of them should not have come, you all know that. (Applause).

Now, this great war was the only one that medicine had any control in. It was the first time in the world's history that medicine had authority.

All the Masons are dragged in as backing anti-vaccination and anti-Catholicism. That is not right, unless you intend it to be so, but for God's sake stand on your feet, if you do and do it fair and square under the word of the lodge and not with a parasite hanging on and making use of you in any possible way. (Applause.) That man has got to get his little paper out of the Masonic lodge and not use it in any way as advertising or dragging us into it as Masons, because science is so big to-day no man can encompass it.

He applies his medical analogies to the healthy Craft.

R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel of Haileybury represents Minnesota near Canada.

M.W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery of Minneapolis, is Grand Correspondent.

He speaks of Grand Master Drope's address as admirable and adds:

He forcibly called attention to the needed extension of benevolences, saying:

There is an outstanding and imminent need of better provision for the care of our aged brethren and the widows of deceased brethren.

A very fine report was given by the Board on Condition of Masonry. Here are some of their observations:

He then quotes two full pages from the report on the Condition of Masonry which is unique among Grand Lodge Proceedings.

Under New Jersey after quoting from Sir Alfred Robbins' address which he speaks of as admirably pleasing, he says with regard to letters that have passed regarding the Grand Orient of France:

It appears from this correspondence that the Grand Orient is in touch with, and may negotiate with spurious bodies in this country claiming to be Masonic and, what is more, is considering the establishment within the United States of some kind of a Masonic body and investing it with fundamental regularity. The Grand Orient of France does not seem to be unqualifiedly in accord with the American doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction.

The Proceedings of the Masonic Veterans' Association are most interesting. They are live wires. Some of their records are poetic, none of them prosaic, and they are not afraid to take their inspiration and information from the Christian Science Monitor which gives them the following among other statistics:

The cost of the most magnificent of modern buildings is a trifle compared to that of Solomon's temple, which, according to estimates given in the bulletin of the Illinois Society of Architects, reached the tremendous total of more than \$87,000,000,000, according to present-day values.

Hayden French, Ortonville, M.W. Grand Master.

John Fishel, St. Paul, R.W. Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI

M.W. Brother Orestes Mitchell, Grand Master.

From the Grand Master's biography we learn that he is a successful lawyer:

And level-headed chief officer. His administration has been an active and a successful one. His election, at the Communication just closed, to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home is a

merited recognition of his services. May he long be spared to the fraternity to sit in its councils is the heartfelt wish of his many friends.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication was held at St. Joseph, October 27th, 1925.

Grand Lodge will next convene in Saint Louis, October 26th, 1926.

The Grand Master's address was an outstanding one. Hear him:

How well I have wrought, I cannot say, but this I do know: I would be happier at the close of my term of office if I had been able to render much greater service than I have, and if I but knew that my feeble efforts have resulted in a little good.

Freemasonry, throughout the ages, has been a great steadying agency in the affairs of men and nations. It has always advocated the highest ideals for the guidance of its initiates.

It is therefore a great apostle of right living, charity, kindness, tolerance and love. Its beneficent results are obtained by conservative thinking and acting, free from radicalism.

Freemasonry naturally stands for good citizenship and work. There is always work for the good citizen to do. The field of endeavor is boundless—in the church, school, community, state and nation.

Perhaps never in the history of our own beloved land was there greater need than now, for an alert, clear thinking and conservative citizenry to combat the various forces at work to undermine and destroy the cherished ideals of home life, religious life and our constitutional form of government. The land is infested with radicals and intolerants whose program is to create disrespect for law and order, distrust of organized society and government and who hold in derision the finer instincts of civilized society, and who would also take away the happiness and hope of the peoples of the earth by destroying the Holy Bible upon which civil society is founded, and to which it looks for its inspiration. The program of these various forces is wholly destructive, offering nothing in return but unrest, distrust, class hatred, intolerance, egoism, grief and darkness. Well did Shakespeare say:

"Civil dissension is a viperous worm,
That gnaws the bowels of the Commonwealth."

Our professions are of no avail without action, and indifference is one of the most dangerous afflictions of the American people today. We profess to love our country and recite the following creed:

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people for the people; whose just powers are de-

rived from the consent of the governed; a deomcracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of Freedom, Equality, Justice and Humanity.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

This is a government in which the people rule through the ballot box and the American citizen who neglects to qualify himself to cast an intelligent ballot, or who fails to cast his ballot, ceases to govern himself and becomes a serf, a man without a country.

"Your flag and my flag! And Oh, how much it holds—
Your land and my land—secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight:
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed, red and blue and white.
The one flag—the great flag—the flag for me and you
Glorified all else beside—the red and white and blue.

As in other Jurisdictions, the Masonic Home is the great centre of pride and of work:

Even though the Masonic Fraternity was doing no other good in Missouri and was devoid of all other worthy purposes, the maintenance of our Masonic Home alone justifies its existence.

One has to visit with the Home Family but a short time to become convinced of the tremendous good we are doing.

Five Cornerstones were laid in ample form.

M.W. Bro. McIntyre visited the Grand Lodge of England and he reports graphically some of his experiences as follows:

The entire proceedings required almost two hours. We then repaired to the banquet hall, where for two hours more I enjoyed the good food, the appropriate toasts, rare humor and common sense talks.

Through the kindness of R. Worshipful Brother Robbins and others to whom he introduced me, I felt so thoroughly at home in London that I could not realize that I was visiting the largest city in the world for the first time.

I believe that I am the first person who has officially represented the Grand Master and our Grand Lodge in a European Jurisdiction, and I am most grateful for your confidence in this respect. I have no doubt that the perpetuity and usefulness of Freemasonry will be best insured and furthered by the closest possible fraternal relations between English and American Freemasonry; and likewise I doubt not that the future peace and welfare of the world will only be assured by a united, militant Freemasonry, with the aid of similar organizations, and the friendly co-operation of the English speaking peoples of the world.

Of America and England some poet has said.

"Two Empires by the sea,
Two people great and free,
One anthem raise.
One race of ancient fame,
One tongue, one faith, we claim,
One God, whose glorious name,
We love and praise."

The G.M. rules that a Junior Warden is guilty of un-masonic conduct in refusing the prepare and file charges against a Brother. Also that a blind man is not eligible for the Degrees, we quote also the two following decisions:

If a member affiliates with the Catholic Church, does that constitute any grounds for charges against him?

Ans. No. Freemasonry bars no one and does not question anyone because of his religious faith or church affiliations. All that is required of him is that he be a believer in God.

Is the use of the phrase, "The Masonic Jewelry House of St. Louis," in a business advertisement of a jewelry store, in violation of Section 204 of the Grand Lodge by-laws?

Ans. Yes.

He concludes with the vision splendid:

"The world has need of vision, ere it sees
The first dawn of that fairer, nobler sphere
Rising from out the toil of sacrifice.
Great is the world's need! All the gifts of might
And power and will to conquer Destiny;
The gifts of service, tolerance, loyalty,
Of strenuous purpose and of honest toil;
Of gladness and good cheer, of merry hearts,
Of knightly zest and gallant bravery;
But most of all, the world has need of Love."

Membership 111,969. Net gain 2,072.

The Committee on the address of the Grand Master say:

Brethren, may we not confidently indulge the pleasing hope that the receptions and banquets given by English Masons in honor of M.W. Bro. Joseph S. McIntyre will aid in binding together by ties of fraternal fellowship, as with hooks of steel, the Masons of England and of the United States.

The Grand Lecturer made a most comprehensive report. He is a real worker.

Are we ready for a Grand Lecturer in Canada?

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances is most dramatic and sets out in detail the trials and appeals. The Committee knows how to right a wrong as well as to condemn and say:

Your committee feels that these wilful violations of Masonic Laws, usages and obligations, are of a most serious nature. Masonic Law was set at naught. Masonic rights of Masonic brethren were over-ridden. A condition of anarchy was permitted to reign in Racine Lodge.

A great wrong was done the petitioner, Dobbs, who has passed through the ceremonies of the degrees, but who, in the opinion of your committee is not a legally and regularly made Freemason.

That the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in removing and suspending this Worshipful Master from office be approved and that such removal from office be made final.

The oration by R.W. and Rev. Bro. Caskey is one of the most unique and striking which this reviewer has read. To cut it in strips of excerpts would not do it justice. It should be reprinted and circularized for the Craft Universal.

The volume is adorned with many portraits.

The Fraternal Correspondence is by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Arthur Mather, D.D., and we are sorry that our Proceedings have escaped his critical but friendly eye, although he gives a boost to our statistics, crediting us with over 120,000, to which we hope in the future to attain.

From his foreword we take this paragraph:

I have given many selections from addresses and reports, all of which seem to me worthy of note, and calculated to interest any who desire to be informed as to the principles and progress of Freemasonry throughout the world.

Ireland's three jewels are thus described:

The Three Jewels of Irish Freemasonry are Masonic Orphan Boys' School, Masonic Orphan Girls' School, and the Jubilee Annuity Fund. All these have been enriched during the past year with substantial legacies, and the reports from them are highly satisfactory. Many of the boys and girls are "making good" and some are taking high positions in the "day's march."

Taken altogether, in spite of many adversities, and much that is calculated to try the souls of men, the Freemasonry of Ireland is progressing wonderfully, and is perhaps the brightest light that today shines in that country of "many tragedies."

Dear to his heart, as to this reviewer, must be the Land of the Heather, for Scotland is singled out and worthily so, by the longest and most enthusiastic report of our fellow clansman; prose, poetry and humor all commingled. It is in every way a worthy review of splendid material.

He concludes with some general observations* which we share with our brethren:

One sentence alone, taken from the "Report of the Grand Orient of France," throws a striking light on the extent to which this inquiry will have to go. We read:

The United States are, for such as have not lived here, the most incomprehensible, the most unlike people in the world. Study well the English, and you will know somewhat their Anglo Saxon brothers called the Americans."

From this it will be seen that we shall require brethren endowed with the largest knowledge of affairs, and of the most tolerant spirit, to whom we can entrust the duty of finding out ways by means of which universal Freemasonry may become more and more, that medium of "conciliating true friendship among persons that must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

A fact of significant importance has also been noted in the splendid activities throughout the Masonic World of prominent members of the "cloth".

All these just mentioned are honored representatives of the Episcopal Church, but there are many others, of many denominations who are just as effective and who are rendering service of untold value to humanity through the avenue of their Masonic affiliations.

The Correspondent emeritus, C. C. Woods, thus concludes the volume:

Though now in my eighty-eighth year, the winters of the past have not chilled my blood and my heart beats as warmly as in my youth or middle manhood, for all those who have the secret Word. In spirit I lift my hands and heart above you all and invoke upon you the benediction of the Supreme Grand Master.

As for myself, I am:

"Only waiting till the reapers have the last sheaf gathered home,
For the summer days are ended and the autumn winds have
blown,

'Gather reapers, gather quickly the last ripe hours of my heart,
For the dream of life has faded and I hasten to depart'."

The great work of the Masonic Home covers many pages.

William W. Martin, Doniphan, Grand Master.

Frank R. Jesse, Saint Louis, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA

Harlon L. Hart, M.W. Grand Master.

The bright face of the Grand Master precedes his biography in which it is said of him:

The New England States of our Union have been prolific in bringing forth men of large stature, of big intellects, and strong devotees of Masonry.

The halos of the yesterdays of our Craft cling over every city and town dotting the map of the Northeastern portion of our Republic.

The memories of the achievements of the past, when our nation was in the throes of its birth, when the resolute spirit of the old English settlers tolerated not oppression and tyrannical dominion.

Grand Master Hart brought to the office a fervency of patriotism surpassed by none of his predecessors.

The Treasure State, the Commonwealth of his adoption, is proud of this native son of Vermont.

May the Lord of Hosts grant unto him many years of usefulness in this, our Land of Shining Mountains.

Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held to lay Cornerstones and to attend the funeral of the late lamented Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges, Jr., who died July 31st, 1925.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication was held in the City of Missoula, August 19th, 1925.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in the Third Degree of Masonry.

From the welcoming address of Bro. Beacom, The Mayor, we take the following characteristic story and greeting in the land of humor and of word painting:

A brother told me this morning that Doctor Spottswood was called out to a colored home not long since to assist in a case of childbirth, and, like the good man and true that he is, he went. He donned the usual garb, a great white robe that hung down to his feet, and went into the room where the expectant mother was and proceeded to do his duty as he saw it. But he did not succeed very well, according to the story. The father was out in the hallway prancing up and down, and after some considerable time was lost, he opened the door and peeked in and said, "How are you getting along, Doc?" He said, "Not very well." "Well," he said, "unless you take off that Ku Klux Klan robe, you will never get that nigger."

How can mortal man be other than happy before this throng of real, red-blooded men, bound together by the ties of fraternalism, the strongest ties on earth.

I do not aim to pose, or claim to be more of a mind reader than a heart reader, but if I can read the expression upon your faces now, you are thinking, "Now, that bird is going to take up a lot of our time." That is not correct. I wish to say to you men that we hope that when you have reached the summit of life's western hills that your sunset will glow like rubies, as our western Montana sunset glows.

Representatives of other auxiliary bodies were introduced and welcomed.

The response of Bro. Day for the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction strikes us as a most arrogant statement of supremacy which however appears to have been tolerated as no one protested. Surely the speaker is suffering from enlargement if not reversal of Rite ideas, and he puts the cart before the horse, to use a colloquial phrase. We quote him as follows with his assumption:

The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, as also the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, has entrusted to your keeping the teachings of the first three degrees of Masonry, and we have in the grand century that has passed been so satisfied with the work that has been done by the Grand Lodges, that we have never had occasion to even suggest that the original agreement should be set aside. It is sometimes said that the higher degrees are causing an influx into Masonry, that we are making too many Masons. In your hands rests the honor of Masonry. Nobody can enter upon these higher degrees who has not first passed through your doors. Therefore, we say to you that if you will guard the ballot, we will take care of the man after he gets beyond your portals.

Thanks Brother Day for your Condescension! He continues:

There is another matter that I would like to refer to at this time

countries except those ruled by the English speaking peoples, the briefly. In all of the Latin countries of the world, and in all of the only Craft Masonry is the Craft Masonry of the Scottish Rite. I do not know that that fact is sufficiently well known or appreciated. The great country to the south of us here, the great republics that are rapidly coming to the front, all practice Masonry of the Scottish Rite. The Latin countries of Europe all practice the Masonry of the Scottish Rite.

The Grand Master of North Dakota and Past Grand Master of Washington were introduced and welcomed. No less than 21 Past Grand Masters of Montana were presented at the altar, a record attendance, all but three of those living. Canada owing to the inroads of the Great Reaper could only make at the best one-third of this showing.

The Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were welcomed and Bro. John Kain representing Scotland replied. He said:

I have the privilege of representing a sister Jurisdiction and also the privilege of having been born in one of the greatest countries in the world, if I might be pardoned a minute for referring to the country which I represent, the first place and home of the Craft that has fought for Masonry more than any other country in the world. They say that in Scotland, owing to the shrewdness and the acuteness of the canny Scot, a Hebrew cannot live. (Laughter). I presume that that is the reason that Past Grand Master Hepner, in his foreign correspondence, never gives any credit to the Jurisdiction of Scotland.

From the Grand Master's annual address we take the following:

I hope you will take home with you renewed inspiration. For all of you I sincerely hope you will have in your hearts and carry back to your lodges a higher conception of a "just and upright Mason."

Let me suggest to those lodges that feel that Masonry is lagging or slipping, to look toward the mirror. If such an atmosphere prevails, investigate and see if the fault is not directly in their own lodge. I can assure them, after a year, taking me to all parts of the Jurisdiction, that the malady is not prevalent. The future looms before us bright with promise.

We acquired members but not in all cases Master Masons. This year the reaction has taken place. Your Grand Master is not alarmed however; this condition will adjust itself.,

Never allow a candidate admission in order to obtain a good character. See absolutely that he possesses that requisite before you accept him. This is not a reformatory, although we do have the

ability to make a man better. Let us make it a practice to take good material only and then improve it.

Let this be your motto:—"READ—STUDY—SERVE."

He approves De Molay and the Order of Rainbow before manhood and womanhood; and of the Order of the Eastern Star he said:

In this Jurisdiction, I believe that you join your Grand Master in expressing our appreciation of at least one of their many activities, their untiring efforts for our Masonic Home.

He speaks of the Montana School of Religion (whatever that may be) as follows:

I desire to bespeak the friendship and support of all Montana Masons for this worthy enterprise. This institution dedicated to the development of moral ideals through Protestant religious instruction is being conducted in connection with our State University at Missoula.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

I wish all of the Brethren of Montana could see what a wonderful monument to Masonry they have created.

He could not get anyone to fill the position of Grand Lodge Historian, all with one accord refused.

Montana has a questionnaire, and with regard to the Investigating Committee the Grand Master says:

"The petitioner should never know who reported unfavorably." True, but it does get out and you know it as well as I. I maintain that the Master and Secretary of a lodge should be the only ones that know who is on the petition as a committee.

Of the Eastern Star, and Lodge Secretaries communicating secrets of Masonry to them, he gives this word of earnest caution:

It has been called to my attention that certain Lodge Secretaries have made a practice of advising Chapters of the Eastern Star of the suspension of brothers for non-payment of dues. While we love, respect and appreciate that worthy institution and should do all that we can to promote their good work, please do not forget that this would be properly termed an offense and be just cause for report to the Grand Lodge and subsequent strenuous action by that body. This is one of the matters, secrets of Masonry if you please, that has no place outside of your lodge room.

A letter addressed by a member of the Craft to the various lodges was first heard of by the Grand Master

through the Eastern Star, and he speaks thus of the necessity of caution:

It was then too late for me to give orders that it was not to be read before the lodges in this Jurisdiction as most all of the lodges had held regular communications in the meantime. It was purely intended to influence votes. I caution Masters and Secretaries to be very careful and not allow such communications to be read at any time before their lodges.

As to the mechanical line of succession the Grand Master says truly:

Many instances have developed in this Jurisdiction as they have also in others, where the lodge has penalized themselves with a Master who is Master in name only. The unreasonable precedent that the Steward must be advanced to Master, although he be absolutely unqualified, has deterred your progress and worked hardship with you.

Always "vote for the good of Masonry," not for the good of any one brother or yourself.

He pays this noble tribute to the late Grand Secretary Hedges, familiarly known as "Toby".

His lovable nature, kindly disposition, knowledge, experience, sound judgment, unselfish and wise counsel were invaluable. I wish that each of you could have been Grand Master and come to know him intimately through that channel at a time when great responsibilities were resting heavily upon you. He has been faithful to the trust we reposed in him. His conception of Masonry was solid, simple and grand. His counsel was ever good, was never thrust upon you and never refused when requested.

And he closes his address with the following verses:

We are brothers who travel a great, common road,
And the journey is easy for none.
We must succor the weary and lift on the load
Of the pilgrim whose courage is done.

Let me deal with them each on my way to the West
With a mercy that never shall fail,
And lie down to my dreams with a conscience at rest
When I come to the end of the trail.

Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. George P. Porter.

Total membership 19,975. Gain 88.

Several legacies were received by Grand Lodge for the Home. This occurs also in many other Jurisdictions.

Give the brethren something concrete and they will give and bequeath of their best.

The Committee on Rituals say:

This is perhaps the ancient symbolism of the square and compass, and we should not destroy or becloud it by overanxiety to conform to the etymologies of the outer world. Much of the most sacred symbolism of our institution has been lost forever through the honest but unskilled tinkering of amateur ritualists. Let this Grand Lodge not add to the confusion within the Temple.

For these and other reasons, with which this committee is not willing further to burden this Grand Lodge, it is recommended that the word "compass" be once again given sanction in preference to "compasses," wherever it appears in our work, written or unwritten.

From the address on the present emergency in our Educational system we find reference to the remarks of the Honourable Charles Evans Hughes and one quotation will suffice:

It is a classic in diction and a proverb in substance. He says:

"The cure for the ills of democracy is not more democracy, but more intelligence. We cannot enjoy the blessings of liberty without the freedom of knowledge."

Masonry accepts these axioms.

Another comment made is as follows:

The proven remedy for the dark age blunder is general Education. . . . and the great factor in human progress is the public school.

Following the picture of the late Grand Secretary this commemorative verse appears:

Strong men to stand beside the weak,
Kind men to hear what others speak,
True men to keep our country's laws
And guard its honor and its cause;
Men who will bravely play life's game
Nor ask rewards of gold or fame.

And the Committee sum up his virtues by the following noble tribute:

"Toby" Hedges is gone to his eternal rest in the everlasting beyond; the memory of his resplendent life will live forever as an inspiration to us who remain, and for untold generations to come after us, as one who "bravely played life's game and asked not rewards of gold or fame."

R.W. Bro. George Naylor of Ingersoll, represents Montana.

Fraternal Correspondence is in the able hands and under the out-spoken mind of M.W. Bro. H. S. Hepner, P.G.M., who gets and gives this under Alabama:

He records being present at the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and devotes half a page to the subject.

We are old fashioned enough in our Masonic ideals to believe in the impropriety of the same; it is true that the Order is of valuable assistance to the Homes and due credit should be given it and its membership in the reports of the Home Boards, but for a Grand Master to report in his address that "their opening ceremonies were strikingly beautiful and inspiring" and that the "reports of the different committees were encouraging" etc., are in our humble judgment out of place in a Grand Master's Annual Address to the Craft. He laid eight cornerstones.

As to modern "Youth" he says:

We think the situation could be greatly improved if the parents of today would pattern somewhat after the parents of yesteryear.

We thank him for his kindly review of Canada, in which he speaks particularly of the Grand Master's address and more especially of the Report on the Condition of Masonry which he describes as one of the very best articles he has ever run across. He comments thus:

The desire for publicity or what has been called "the struggle for the front page" is not encouraged by Masonic custom or etiquette. And in these days when the blare of trumpets is so often necessary in order to attract attention it is well to preserve traditional tenets. Masonry is not free from the suggestion of change, and in many quarters there is the anxiety of the agitator to lay a new foundation and to build a new superstructure more in accord with the ideals and methods of the present day. Of course no claim can be made that Masonry is an institution devoid of defects, and where these can be remedied without applying the destructive methods of the revolutionary no good reason can be advanced for withholding the hand of reformation. But ruthlessness is not reformation and reckless disregard of the past gives no promise of future usefulness and stability.

We appreciate his reference to this reviewer:

Past Grand Master Ponton presented 248 pages of Correspondence Report. Our 1922 proceedings received generous treatment; we like the tenor of the reviews; they are all gentle and kind; the best of the "doings" are related, and no harsh criticisms or cynicisms

mar any of the reviews presented; the reviews are worthy of a careful perusal.

Under Scotland we find the following:

He said that "there are two great similes in the world of nature: One is the sun and the other is running water. Both help us. The sun is the great strength which gives health and prosperity, in light and warmth and hope. And the source of pure water exemplified by us in the word "Shibboleth," that symbol of plenty, should be what invites us as brethren one to another. . . . the ritual is the aqueduct, and the running water is the life and the character and the energy of the individual Freemason."

Under Manitoba he quotes in full the prize essay of Bro. Clark on Ancient and Modern Freemasonry.

Tasmania gives him the following:

"Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one Fraternity."

And he concludes with these outstanding sentences, calling by the way DeMolay "the Kindergarten of Masonry", and giving great praise to the Grand Secretaries and Correspondence writers whose yearly reports we come to know year after year:

The cause of education, both Masonic and general, has assumed the proportions of an avalanche in our Masonic jurisdictions; research societies galore, study clubs in large numbers, the use of the Service Association's bulletins, the lecture field, the endorsement of the furthering of common schools and higher levels of instruction, and Americanization of the aliens, are keeping our brethren awake and active in making Masonry a live and virile factor of our age's progress.

Student's Loan Funds and Scholarships are being established everywhere to bring true light and hope into the homes and hearts of those who seek to "advance in knowledge and understanding."

Edward W. Spottswood, Missoula, M.W. Grand Master.

Luther T. Hauberg, Helena, R.W. Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1924

M.W. Brother Marsh Hainer, Grand Master.

Unfortunately the Proceedings of Mississippi for some years have not reached this reviewer and finally they all came together in one bundle. We therefore review 1924 briefly and 1925 at length.

The address of welcome was given by Bro. Patrick Henry, Junior, a historic name, and Bro. Robbins in calling on Bro. Thomas to reply said:

It is said that when Caesar was called upon to meet an emergent situation; when he was called upon to do battle to a host that taxed his powers, that he called upon his Tenth Legion. That when Napoleon, in his military career, found himself in an extremity, that it was upon the Old Guard that he called. Today we have with us, my friends and brother Masons, a member of the Old Guard of Masonry in Mississippi. There are those who say that the world is growing worse each day. I am not one of those, my friends, who believe that. I believe that that idea is an insult to our holy religion, a libel upon the glorious history of the Masonic fraternity. I am, therefore, an optimist, and now, at this juncture, I want to present to you that member of the Old Guard of Masonry in Mississippi, and that splendid Masonic optimist, Brother Emmet N. Thomas.

Bro. Thomas introduced his brief speech with the following sentence:

Whether I be of the Old Guard or the younger, there is one thing which I am sure I can say truthfully, and that is that I have learned a good deal in the last twenty or thirty years, and one of the things which I have learned and which has become thoroughly fixed, both in my mind and conscience, is this: That most folks talk too much with their mouths.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication was held at Vicksburg, February 19, 1924. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Harry T. Howard, P.G.M.

The Grand Master's address was brief but concentrated. He closes with this sentence:

A few days more and I shall be no longer "the first among my equals", but I have learned the lesson I have sought to teach—that the inestimable privilege of "service" is not peculiar to any rank or station. I shall be quite content to be one of those "closely united men working for the welfare of mankind and the safety, peace and prosperity of the Nation and our beloved Institution.

One of the last visits paid by the late Dr. William F. Kuhn was to Mississippi and from his laugh-provoking and thought-producing address we take the following two paragraphs:

As I have stated in other Grand Jurisdictions, we have three kinds of Masons in this world. We have the King Solomon Mason, the philosophical Mason and the real thinking Mason. Physical perfection is one of the key notes of the King Solomon Mason. The King Solomon Mason believes in signs, grips and words, and that is all there is to Freemasonry. If a man can give the signs correctly, give the grips correctly and the steps, there is nothing else to be done. That is the whole thing. To him Freemasonry is a beautiful system of gymnastics, illustrated by signs, grips and words, and that is as far as he ever goes. He is the one that thinks King Solomon wrote our ritual, and the sisters of the Eastern Star think Mrs. Solomon wrote their ritual.

Some landmarks have been the curse of Freemasonry—so-called landmarks. Freemasonry has been sitting on her haunches and has not progressed because it is tied down with some so-called ancient landmarks. Brethren, there are only two landmarks in Freemasonry. One is a belief in God, and the other one is a belief in immortality. All other so-called landmarks, this physical perfection business that you have spent so much on, is a matter of legislation. Anything that cannot be changed *without destroying the fraternity* is a landmark.

The able report on Foreign Correspondence is made by M.W. Bro. Henry C. Yawn, Past Grand Master, but we regret that Canada is not reviewed.

From his introduction we cull this extract which must suffice to introduce our colleague to our readers:

Like the cattle, I browsed in green pastures of luxuriant verbiage beside the still waters of philosophic thought. Like the bee, I gathered sweets from Fraternal flowers that bloom forever, and like a winged thing, I have mounted into the realm of eternal truth and love as taught by our Institution. From all of these excursions I have tried to bring something worth while.

George D. Riley, Jackson, Grand Master

Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPI, 1925

George D. Riley, M.W. Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication was held at Jackson, February 24th and 25th, 1925, and before Grand Lodge was formally opened there was much welcoming and pleasing oratory.

Brother Power in extending greeting, speaks of Jackson as a Craft city and says:

Recently they had a meeting of the city employees for a little heart to heart talk with heads of the city government, and when they called the roll it sounded like they were calling the roll of the Masonic Lodge. Everything in Jackson thinks well of Masonry. We believe that Masonry has so grown into the fiber of our town as to be somewhat responsible for its very satisfactory growth and its important development.

Bro. Scott said:

If you remember many years ago the north, east and west overpowered us, but the time is coming when you and I and the rest of us are going to have to save the north, east and west from that foreign element they have, for instance, in New York City. If I had my way we would run them back where they came from. That is the thing we are proud of, we have not got that class of people in the State of Mississippi and in the City of Jackson.

Governor Whitfield gave a short but eloquent address to which M.W. Bro. Yawn (Fraternal Correspondent) satisfyingly replied. From his address we take this sentence:

It is a force, a somewhat silent force, but one that is at work constantly, and being the foreign correspondent it has been my duty as well as my pleasure to review the proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions of the world, and I find an optimistic view permeating the whole Masonic world, but I do find expressions of apprehension on account of that evil which your honorable mayor spoke of, on account of its insidious encroachment upon our institutions, enemies of the institutions of our state and of our nation. That is the force with which we have to battle, and Masonry, my friends, is as one man against things of that kind.

Bro. Scott then introduced Mrs. Viola Lake, Grand Matron of the Eastern Star who had donated the Lot on which the Masons of Jackson had erected their Temple, and whether we officially approve of the Order of the Eastern Star as at present constituted or not, it is well for us to see what from their point of view (and the

point of view of others) is their apparent relationship in the Grand Lodge of Mississippi where they apparently have very close connection. Mrs. Lake in the course of her eloquent speech said:

We are not officially related, and each has its secrets which the other does not share, but I know of no two other organizations which are more closely related. We are born of the same desire to know the truth, to bind men and women to the highest ideals of life. We are nurtured at the same source of truth and love and inspiration. We are guided by the same light and seek ultimately the same goal.

The Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star bear to each other the sacred relationship of big brother and younger sister.

Our mission is no less than yours. Our service to others will bring more joy and love and hope and less of selfishness, pessimism and defeat. It is admitted I think that we may be numbered among those whom Lowell had in mind when he said

"The Holy Supper is kept, indeed,
In whatso we share with another's need,
Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare,
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor and me."

Bro. T. Q. Ellis afterwards elected Grand Master, responded and his task was not an easy one. He said among other chivalrous sentences, of Eden:

In the midst of all this glory and peace—this beauty and sublimity man was dissatisfied and unhappy—he was lonesome (Laughter). Then the Almighty Creator, in His infinite wisdom sent him a companion—woman—and so well has she filled that mission as companion that throughout all the subsequent ages it is not recorded that man has ever again been lonesome when woman was in speaking distance of him.

I hear an awful voice demanding the reason for this great sin, and I hear the man, that miserable, contemptible, craven wretch as he replies, "Lord, the woman whom Thou gavest me to be with me, she tempted me and I did eat." . . . Again I hear that voice, but now it is mellowed with tenderness and love as it says "Man, back yonder when you committed that first great sin whose penalty was death, I gave you one bright ray of hope; I told you to fix and keep you gaze upon yonder Star, as the only means of your salvation. But man, you were a weak and miserable, and contemptible creature; tell me man, how you came to have the courage and determination to arise and follow that Star." And then, in clear, ringing tones, emphasized by the echo that resounds back down through the ages, I hear him reply, "Lord, the woman whom Thou gavest me to be with me, she INSPIRED me and I arose and followed on." (Great Applause.)

There were fourteen Past Grand Masters present.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Howard.

From the very striking address of the Grand Master we make the following excerpts:

The co-operation has been splendid and I have endeavored by precept and example to guide the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction in "ways of pleasantness and paths of peace." I have tried at all times to act charitably, at the same time keeping within the bounds of our laws, ever remembering that "justice and mercy go hand in hand and the Judge and the Brother are one." Princes that would their people should do well, must at themselves begin as at the head. For men by their examples pattern out their imitations and regard for law." So first of all I have striven to be a law abiding citizen. It is a deplorable fact that disregard for law is the greatest menace of our American Civilization today.

No, it is not more laws, nor better laws that we need but a better regard for law.

"We are builders of a structure strong,
Unchanged by time or place
That stands today, a beacon light,
Shining through endless space.

The Grand Master had laid six corner-stones during the year. As State auditor his official duties had taken him out of the Jurisdiction part of the time. His rulings on Dispensations refused are most interesting and we quote them in full:

I granted no dispensation to ballot out of time.

I granted a dispensation to retake the ballot in one instance where the eighty members present signed a petition setting forth the fact that it was a case of mistaken identity. About eighty per cent. of all requests for dispensations was to retake the ballot. These requests came from so many lodges, assigning so many excuses and so few reasons, that I set my mind to the task of determining some equitable and safe manner by which to decide when to grant and when to refuse a dispensation to retake the ballot. I required the lodge to ballot by white balls and black balls, or cubes, on the question whether they would ask for a dispensation to retake the ballot. I further required that this should be proposed by resolution at one stated communication and ballotted on at the next stated communication. My purpose in this plan was to enable the one who cast the black ball to prevent the granting of a dispensation to retake the ballot, whereas if permission to retake the ballot be granted on a petition signed by every member present, the objector would be compelled to sign, or refuse to sign. If he refused to sign, he would thereby make known that he was the one who cast the black ball. His objection might not be sufficiently pronounced for him to take

that position. Out of the great number of such requests, only one lodge complied with this requirement. I granted that dispensation, feeling sure that nobody had been coerced.

If any member or brother informs a petitioner or any other person, except a Mason in good standing, of anything which may have occurred in relation to any petition (except the petitioner himself that was admitted or rejected) or shall inform the petitioner *who* was present at the time of such action he is guilty of unmasonic conduct and should be dealt with accordingly. Let me caution you.

He has very decided views on many matters including picnics, outside degree work and chain letters, with regard to which he says:

I was asked to rule on the question as to whether a lodge could repair to a remote island for a Masonic picnic and for the purpose of conferring degrees. I ruled that they could have the picnic but that they could not confer the degrees outside of the Lodge Hall.

The Grand Lodge has repeatedly condemned the practice of writing chain letters. I mention this because every once in a while we have an epidemic of chain letters, and I take this occasion to ask that you follow the instruction of the Grand Lodge by destroying every chain letter and ignoring the request therein.

He gives the Grand Secretary well deserved praise for he knows the many trials and troubles of the holder of that office who day and night must be in touch with the whole Grand Lodge.

Of the Masonic Homes of Mississippi he says:

Within the short span of a few years, our Masonic Homes have grown from an inspiration into an accomplishment, the perfection of which, even now, is difficult for us to comprehend.

In these Homes, we have a wonderful and practical exemplification of the principles of our institution, and demonstration of the practical application of our obligations. We have provided adequately and generously for the spiritual and mental, as well as the physical development of our children. Through the generosity of our membership, we have been able to provide for every necessary comfort for those who live in our Homes, and it would be difficult to find more contented, happier or healthier children.

He gives unstinted praise to the Masonic Service Association and to "The Master Mason," quoting frequently from that ideal Mason and teacher, Bro. Joseph Fort Newton. He says:

Brother Joseph Fort Newton can no longer belong exclusively to the State of Iowa, but through the Masonic Service Association, he belongs to us. Brother Andrew L. Randell cannot be claimed by

Texas alone, but he belongs to Mississippi, as well, and scores of others.

Now that I have seen from whence springs its life force, I know that I will see it—if I live—in Herculean manhood, a champion of Masonry throughout the nation, a servant of the Craft, a power for good, a sweetner of the hearts of individual brethren and a torch-bearer of the light into dark places.

And concludes with the following words:

And now, my brethren, in turning back to you the sacred trust delivered to me one year ago, I again bring to you my heartiest thanks for all you have done and for all you have meant to me. It is by your labors that we stand on the high pinnacle of achievement to-day. Had you failed the honor and dignity of our institution would have suffered, and the luster of our tenets would have been dimmed. But you did not fail. You have held high our principles and by precept and example taught faith in God, hope in immortality and charity toward all mankind. The past eloquently tells the present that all that now is, exists because every man in his own time and place did nobly his part. Let me beg of you, brethren, that you carry out the Grand Commission of the Supreme Grand Master which expires only when the harvest of plenty fills all the granaries of want and the sullen sea of trouble shall cast its last wave on life's great shore. In that day the golden chain of fraternity will be completed as we all gather in the East to receive the "Well done" of the Master.

The Grand Lecturer eloquently says:

I am more impressed from time to time with the thought that what the soldier is to the army the individual Mason is to Masonry, and the reputation of every Grand Lodge is dependent upon the individual Mason in the home lodge.

Membership 34,700. Gain 1,383.

The Law Committee a very useful body, reported:

The questions submitted indicate that the brethren are studying the statutes and the rules and regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

The proposition to take in the minister and refund the fees is in violation of the Masonic Law.

Does attendance at college establish a residence so far as the jurisdiction of subordinate lodges is concerned?

No.

Has a subordinate lodge the right to appoint a standing committee of investigation to act on all petitions for the degrees?

Answer: No.

Any violation of the law of the land is a Masonic offense. Of course the charges should be preferred and the trial conducted irrespective of his trial in the United States Court.

At the evening session the Grand Master told this characteristic story of the south:

The negro preacher introduced me to his audience; it was during the world war when we were talking about Red Cross and War Saving Stamps and various war activities, in a crowded negro church one Sunday evening. This is his language:

"Brethren and Sistern, this is the most extinguished white gentleman in this whole country. He is a man what have 'arriv' at the ramparts of his own indignities, and is the peer of nobody. (Laughter.)

He went a little further and said, "Even if his skin is white, his heart is just as black as anybody." (Laughter).

When Bro. Ellis the new Grand Master was called upon it was the occasion of a most touching scene between son and father, the son paying his father this tribute:

Because, brethren, as much as I appreciate this honor that has come to me this evening, I feel that it is not mine.

(Addressing his Father.)

Father, this is your night, (Great applause). These brethren are honoring you. Let's take just a look over this splendid body of men.

The Grand Representatives were thus addressed by M.W. Bro. Tally:

My brethren, you stand as the ambassador of the state that has commissioned you to represent it, or the Grand Lodge of the state. You know it is the duty of the ambassador not to think his own thought, nor to utter his own words, but to utter the words or convey the idea of the power that he represents. Our ambassador in England can get into trouble and cause his nation trouble very quickly by talking too much with his mouth. He sits there to represent the idea and to convey the messages that the United States of America desires to communicate to the nation to which he has been sent as ambassador.

Bro. Hart said:

I do not believe everything that William Jennings Bryan has said, but I do believe what he says about the Bible. He says this, and it is a hard question for you to answer, he says, "If the Bible is not the inspired word of God, why hasn't man written a better one?",

A brother who had made serious but it was found frivolous charges against some of the best men in the

community and who had disparaged and threatened them, was charged with un-Masonic conduct and his appeals were dismissed.

The cases before the Grievances and Appeals Committee are discussed at length and reported verbatim, the whole drama of the offence charged and of the defence attempted, is laid before Grand Lodge and the readers of the Transactions. Liquor cases figure among the un-Masonic conduct alleged.

Of the Masonic Homes the Committee says:

Everything has been fully discussed and brought out in Grand Lodge, the efficiency, generosity, organization, comfort and love, so we can only add our approval to the glorious work.

A touching tribute was paid to the memory of Past Grand Master Charles H. Blum, concluding thus:

As some one else has said "There is a lesson in his life and in his death." In the one a noble example of fealty to friends and fidelity to duty, and in the other a sublime faith in the verities of God's eternal promises.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Henry Clay Yawn, who says in his introduction:

The persistent efforts on the part of aliens and others, not in sympathy with our Institutions, to spread their propaganda of Communism and Anarchism, is a matter of serious apprehension; and the thought is expressed that most drastic measures, on the part of the powers that be, are necessary to combat this constantly increasing menace.

As to restrictions imposed, he says the Grand Chapter and the Scottish Rite Bodies can fix the eligibility of applicants for membership, and if they will require a twelve month's membership in a Blue Lodge before a petition can be entertained, the whole question will be settled. This has been done by some of these Bodies.

Arkansas gives this view for sober thought:

He paints in sombre hues the moral status of the people. Listen to this:

"Human life was never so cheap as now; property rights were never so little respected; the moral laws were never treated with such a scorn; social laws, time-honoured and tried and tested, were never held in such general contempt.

He believes that unless there is a great awakening, our moral and spiritual retrogression is assured, and our decay as a nation is certain.

He enumerates the following symptoms: Disobedience of children, the modern dance, the movie, the automobile, waning influence of the home, sensationalism from the pulpit, official graft and political indifference, unpunished crime, political demagoguery.

Canada receives kindly notice. A large quotation is made from the striking address of Mayor Hiltz and the honour given to the old Past Masters of fifty years ago on motion of R.W. Bro. Blgrave, is commended.

The Grand Master's timely remarks in reference to membership and numbers are quoted in full. The Reviewer further says, quoting the whole conclusion of our review:

The District Deputies made extended and detailed reports of their activities during the year which showed more than an ordinary amount of work, and more than an ordinary interest and zeal in the work.

William N. Ponton, submits a Review of 61 Grand Jurisdictions. His report shows a careful reading of the various proceedings, and also evinces a discriminating mind in the selection material copied and discussed.

Thomas Q. Ellis, Water Valley, Grand Master.

Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA

Robert R. Dickson, M.W. Grand Master.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Omaha, June 9th, 1925, representatives from 266 lodges being actually present.

Introductory remarks of an unusual character were made by P.G. Master Henry H. Wilson and must have given a tone to the Proceedings. Among other things he said:

I am very happy to present to you some of the Past Grand Masters of Nebraska—a very rare collection of old fossils. We have here a rare museum in genealogy.

When a gentleman remarked that he came from Michigan, a friend said: "Well, some mighty smart men come from Michigan." The other replied: "Yes, and the smarter they are, the sooner they come."

I next present to you Brother Cheney. He is a banker up in the northern part of the state where it used to be said that if the banker could collect interest a few years on his money at the rates charged, he was quite content to lose the principal.

In a little Scotch village they were burying about the toughest character in the village and everyone was wondering who would take the responsibility of saying anything good of the departed. Silence became intense and curiosity universal, when suddenly an old neighbor stepped forward and said, "Well, there is one thing that I think I could truthfully say of the deceased, and that is, that he was not always as bad as he sometimes was."

From the address of Grand Master Dickson we take the following paragraphs:

This is your Grand Lodge; the responsibility is yours; you are the representatives of your respective lodges. The success or failure of this communication rests upon your shoulders, and you will be derelict in your duty to your lodge if you do not attend every session. Many of the brethren are apt to shirk and seek to avoid the responsibility.

I have faith in you, and if you honestly, fearlessly, and conscientiously exercise your best judgment, I know that the results of your deliberations will reflect honor and credit to the Fraternity.

He laid no less than 10 cornerstones. Why do we in Canada not cultivate this opportunity? It should be part of our ministry and mission.

He thus comments:

I have responded to a number of requests to lay corner-stones. The laying of a corner-stone is a simple, yet impressive ceremony. It is a custom of our Fraternity that should be encouraged and accepted by the Grand Master to the exclusion, if need be, of any other official duty, and should be attended by every Grand Officer and the Craft in general if possible. It affords us an opportunity to publicly call attention to some of the underlying and fundamental principles upon which Masonry is based. The ceremony is interesting and educational, not only to the youth, but to those of mature years and understanding. The occasion is long remembered, the effect is inspiring, lasting, and beneficial. It reflects and portrays man's duty to home, country, and God.

Of the several Homes in the State of Nebraska (would that we had them in Canada!) he says:

These are our most worthy objects. Around them our chief interest centers. Around them cluster our brightest hopes and fondest anticipations.

The Homes are under the best possible management, the care welfare, and happiness of those in our charge are given first con-

sideration. To further care for and provide for their welfare, we have completed the Infirmary, the corner-stone of which was laid at our last communication, carrying out our constructive program. It is a most attractive and beautiful structure, and is a lasting monument to the Craft in this jurisdiction.

It stands as a silent witness to the fulfillment of our pledge to the needy of the Fraternity.

He thus concludes with a stirring appeal:

So grave has the problem become, that those who believe in the sanctity of the home, and the perpetuity of our nation, are appealing for help: Help, to maintain law and order and to establish and maintain justice and equality; help to educate the rising generation to respect law and order and constituted authority, and to inspire them with the love of home, country, and flag; help, to be mindful of the blessings enjoyed and the protection afforded by our Constitution which guarantees life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; help, to return to and preserve the political and religious liberties guaranteed by our Constitution; help, to establish the best ideals of citizenship, which are the true ideals of Masonry; help, to establish in man a desire to be governed by heart and conscience; help, to return to the faith of our fathers; help, to put back in the home, the family altar and the Book of Books.

W. Bro. Hall delivered an oration at the evening session on the text "According to Law." It was thoughtful, poetic and far-reaching. Among much good verse we select the following:

"When you hear of good in people—tell it.
When you hear a tale of evil—quell it.
Let the goodness have the light,
Put the evil out of sight,
Make the world we live in bright
Like to heaven above."

"The time of day I do not tell
As some do, by the clock;
Nor by the distant chiming bell
Set on some steeple rock;
But by the progress that I see
In what I have to do;
It's either *done* o'clock to me,
or it's only *half-past* through."

You have now in your hearts answered the question, "What is the Law?" You have no doubt on the subject, for doubt there cannot be, nor uncertainty nor hesitation—it is the Golden Rule. That Rule which from the time of the Galilean has been preached from the housetops, has sunk into the hearts of men, and has swayed them from the paths of wrong into the paths of righteousness as has no other canon of conduct.

Francis E. White, the Grand Secretary, prefaced the Foreign Correspondence by introducing Bro. Haycock, and by asking his brother reviewers to deal kindly and firmly with him in this his first attempt. He extends cordial greetings and good wishes to all writers of reviews. Bro. Haycock does admirable work and in his introduction says:

My aspirations to distinction are entirely appeased if I may deserve the title of "Brother" among three million Masons. I shall make no apology now or hereafter for the result of my efforts.

Your reviewer finds that his work is greatly facilitated when he attempts to scan the activities of other jurisdictions in our neighbor, The Dominion of Canada. In their "Board of General Purposes" and "Committee on Condition of Masonry," matters of vital importance, real interest, and of marked contrast are segregated as under a spotlight.

Canada comes often under his notice and he refers pleasantly to R.W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, Nebraska's Representative.

Of R.W. Bro. Shanks' "Condition of Masonry," he says:

M:W. Bro. Ponton is chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. The report covers sixty-two jurisdictions, the Nebraska review being compiled by R.W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, our representative.

The report of the "Board on the Condition of Masonry", by R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, commands attention and respect. It is well worth reading. The contrast is sharply drawn between the "devoted few" and the "indifferent many." He expresses a tolerant doubt as to the desirability of the "remarkable trend" towards the "modern development" of the concordant and auxiliary bodies.

Quebec receives the following comment as endorsement of the words of the Grand Master:

We may say in passing that the institution of the "Festive Board" is emphasized less with us than in those countries constituting the British empire; and we are proud of our relief activities. We rather pride ourselves more on being "dirt farmers," with our toil resulting in *power to do good*, than in being cultivators of flowers of speech to be displayed at festive gatherings. We grant relief to those to whom it is due as their right, and not as a concession. Charity may be the correct term, but in our phraseology we endeavor to keep the word unlinked from the monetary unit.

Under Virginia he says:

He declines to lend official endorsement to the order of DeMolay, on the well settled principle that Virginia recognizes lodges and Grand Lodges only. He remarks that of the family circle, all that has escaped the attention of the present day organizer is the infant department.

M.W. John Wright, Lincoln, Grand Master.

M.W. Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA

M.W. Bro. Edward A. Ducker, Grand Master.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication was held in Reno, 10th June, 1925.

No less than 17 Past Grand Masters linking up the past and present and testifying their continuity of service.

M.W. Bro. Reese, Grand Master of California, a native of Nevada was welcomed and made a brilliant response, saying:

That old, far-famed Nevada spirit of hospitality, cordiality, courtesy, friendliness, generosity and good will; the memories of which I have carried with me through all these long years, characterizes this reception and greeting, and has affected me to a greater degree than I have been affected in many, many years.

May we be ever conscious of the fact that the blood of those early leaders flows through our veins and that their mantles have fallen upon our shoulders. And may we carry on until we have a new temple of liberty, to be the hope and inspiration of this people, until we have a new republic modeled after the republic of God in Heaven, whose pillars are Justice, Liberty, Truth and Brotherly Love."

The Flag Ceremony was conducted with patriotic dignity.

The address of the Grand Master was a concentrated business document, reviewing his year of service.

Under Hospitality he says:

In some instances I was entertained at the homes of Masons and their wives and at dinners with officers and members. Indeed it seemed as if my path led through a land flowing with milk and honey. My gratitude for all is most sincere. I am conscious that the uniform kindness and courtesy manifested toward me was prompted by the genuine fraternal spirit which prevails.

Of the state of the Craft he speaks thus:

Actual benefit is being derived from the study and discussions by the members of the subjects on Masonry treated in the short talk bulletins and in the *Master Mason* furnished by the Masonic Service Association of the United States through the Grand Lodge's membership in that association. The majority of the lodges are, however, backward in this respect. The purpose of our membership is to give the Craft greater knowledge in Masonry, its laws, customs, ritual, history, philosophy and symbolism.

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They are therefore the earnest supporters of this public institution and frown upon and oppose the activities of those who stand for lawlessness, or radicalism in any form. I find that the Masons of this State are taking a commendable interest in the schools and education.

From the oration of the Grand Orator, A. J. Maestretti we pass on these paragraphs for consideration:

I feel justified in asserting that Masonic influences have become so intricately interwoven in the body of our moral, intellectual, social and national progress that should its elimination be brought about, there would remain a social and moral skeleton no less shocking in form than useless in the plan for human progress in its path to highest civilization.

I do not wish to be understood as saying that Masons, as such, are inherently superior to members of any other society or class of intelligent human beings, but tradition and history seem to teach us that those who have learned the lesson of life found written upon the milestones of the path leading easterly, are keen to grasp and strong to uphold those virtues which have enabled countless thousands of our brothers to discharge weighty and onerous duties, in every important avenue of life, with honor and respect to themselves, leaving a service record to humanity that will endure.

Nevada specializes in touching poetic memorial pages with such titles as "The Last Voyage," "The Hills of Rest", "Beyond", "Into the Morning Land".

And under pages specially set apart we find the following:

These pages are set apart to the Memory of the Revered Dead of Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

"Serene, I fold my hands and wait,
Nor care for wind, or tide, or sea;
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,
For lo! my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays,
For what avails this eager place?
I stand amid the eternal ways,
And what is mine shall know my face.

The stars come nightly to the sky;
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,
Can keep my own away from me.

—*John Burroughs.*

Other pages are entitled "Beyond the Sunset's Crimson Bars". Another one is thus entitled:

In Memoriam of All Masons, Good Men and True, Who Died on Land and Sea Since Our Annual Communication One Year Ago.

And their own honoured Past Grand Masters who have gone into the life of the Eternal Beyond are also remembered with a page and verse:

Sure is the death of him,
That is born,
And sure is the birth of him
That is dead.

—*Bhagavad Gita.*

R.W. Bro. Frank Bell represents Canada in Nevada and R.W. Bro. W. R. Ledger represents Canada in Nevada.

Number of members 2,687. Net gain 58.

M.W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth fills most efficiently the dual offices of Grand Secretary and Commissioner of Review. It is his 22nd annual report and is both interesting and instructive:

The review is preceded by these verses:

Some singers cannot soar to sunlit heights;
More lowly flights
Are theirs—along the by-ways bringing
Joy by their singing.
Thus may my song not seek the distant sky
So far and high,
But rather keep the hedge's quiet side
and there abide.
So may I make the skies seem nearer, bluer;
Hearts lighter, truer—
And all the pathway sweeter and less long,
Just for my song.

Under Alberta he says:

So important is the history of the lodges that we believe inducements should be offered to brethren to engage in the work, and the various lodge histories should be published in the Proceedings.

British Columbia receives very favourable and vivacious notice including the following:

Next we note disagreement between Grand Master and Grand Secretary. Good Brother De Wolf-Smith is forinist lodges interesting themselves in community betterment, the public schools and education generally, while even "well-managed balls, entertainments and concerts" appeal to the Grand Master in the interest of good work and the moral advancement of the community and the betterment of humanity.

Bro. Tisdall says:

The imperative call comes today for a broader, deeper and more practical application of the sublime truths and principles of our Craft. Let every Mason carry this practical application into civic, social and community life, this being the true spirit of service to humanity."

And we of Nevada are firm in the belief that the lodges should lend a hand in guiding the way.

Of R.W. Bro. Drope's address in 1924 our colleague says:

His address makes good reading. It illumines, instructs, enlightens and informs, and the year's work is to the credit of an earnest Craftsman.

The 8 Humble brothers range in age from twenty-one to forty-one and are of English parentage. Most of them were born in the Falkland Islands, but the family has lived in Brantford for twenty years.

He says also that there is food for thought in M.W. Bro. Drope's remarks on lineal succession to the Master-ship regardless of qualifications and thus comments:

Too often a rote ritualist is made Master solely for his memory of words and a whirlwind glibness in their use. This gift is all very well in its way, and of great help, but we have found the best Masters in men, not so glib of speech, but ballasted by brains, with less of brilliancy, but more of sympathy, service and compassion. When all combine, we have the Master ideal.

Under District Deputies he says that "we find the Masonic spirit abounding" and makes this quotation from the "Condition of Masonry.":

It believes in principles rather than programs. Principals unite men; programs divide them. Men may agree on principles without agreeing upon their particular application to some specific problem.

It is of the essence of Freemasonry that this unity be preserved.

In these days we need more forceful words like the above. Our Fraternity stands above all things for the Fatherhood of God.

There are organizations that forget that we are brothers all and that the God of Love is our Father. Because of our love of God we are going to love His children. Let us so determine, and let us be resolute, patient and fervent in execution.

We are glad that our last report on Correspondence pleases him. He is kind enough to say:

Bro. Ponton, and his colleagues, Bros. Thos. Shanks, R. C. Blaggrave and Henry T. Smith, give us an excellent report, full of thoughtful comment, and discriminating selections.

Iowa gives him this:

Take for your subject some symbol, some sentence in the ritual. When you've actually gotten at work at it you'll be surprised at the interest you've stirred up in things Masonic.

The Netherlands are most interestingly introduced to us with information not always accessible.

He taps the poetic well of South Carolina for the following:

Remember every kindness done
To you what'er its measure;
Remember praise by others won,
And pass it on with pleasure;
Remember every Promise made,
And keep it to the letter;
Remember those who lend you aid,
And be a grateful debtor.

His conclusion is in every way worthy:

Masonry has been materially strengthened, particularly by the way the lodges and the brethren are turning the energies of the Craft into practical channels. We are told that the era of Applied Masonry is at hand. Its leaders are charged with being violators of the Ancient Landmarks and the names of innovator and radical are being hurled at them. Speculative Masonry will fall by the way, is another imputation, but this can not be so long as there are moral and spiritual meanings in life and need of such improvement. To our way of thinking Applied Masonry is nothing but a vigorous rebirth of Operative Masonry, and we are for it, if it will spur Masonry to

"Show us the truth and the pathway of duty,
Help us to lift up our standard sublime,
Till earth is restored to the order and beauty
Lost in the shadowless morning of time;
Teach us to sow the seed
Of many a noble deed;
Make us determined, unflinching and strong,

Armed with the sword of right,
Dauntless amid the fight,
Help us to level the bulwarks of wrong."

Clarence L. Young, Lovelock, Grand Master.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Reno, Grand Secretary and
Commissioner of Review.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1924

M.W. LeBaron Wilson, Grand Master.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication was held in Moncton, 28th August, 1924. The spacious-lodge room was filled by a large gathering of members.

The Grand Representative of Canada did not answer the Roll Call.

The new and splendid Temple was then dedicated and the Dedication Service is given in full in dramatic form. From the address by the acting Grand Chaplain V.W. Bro. Rev. C. G. Lawrence on this auspicious occasion we take the following striking extracts:

As King Solomon by his act of dedication set apart to the glory of Jehovah the great Temple which he had erected, so have we today separated this building and set it apart from all unhallowed, ordinary and common use, and it will remain, we trust, throughout its history a place where free men of good morals and sound judgment may dwell together in unity, aiding each other in satisfying the God-given desire for Light, encouraging by their enlightened lives all who help in the building up of good habits and healthy homes in a great Empire.

In this room many will be entrusted with the pass to the inner chamber. May they not fail to obtain the pass to the Sacred Presence of the Master Builder. Here, no doubt, long after we have ceased from our labours, many will be raised to the sublime degree of the Master Mason. May they every one, by a Hand that is stronger than that of Solomon, be raised from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever.

The Grand Master gave an interesting account of his two years in office and the following extract will illustrate his high ideals:

The teaching of Freemasonry must be full of burning fervor so as to create a desire in the heart of every member to express these teachings in actions. We should not consider that Masonry is an

Institution from which we expect to receive, but we should put forth every effort towards the advancement and betterment of Mankind, and thus make this world recognize that Masonry has that end in view.

The D.D.G.M.'s reported fully from their respective Districts showing Masonry to be healthy and sound.

Total membership 5,739 an increase of 126.

George D. Ellis, St. John, Grand Master.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1925

George D. Ellis, Grand Master.

A Special Communication was held at St. John, May 17, 1925, to attend Divine Service at Trinity Church. The Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. C. Gordon Lawrence preached an eloquent sermon upon the text:

Thus He showed me; and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall, with a plumb-line in His hand.—Amos VII, 7.

From his thoughtful remarks we take the following extracts:

But the characteristic function of the prophet was not to foretell, but to tell forth. He told forth truths about God.

One day a peculiarly profound thought occurs to you, so unlike your usual trend of thought that it seems to have come to you from without, and you say, "I have had an inspiration." But what does that mean? Inspiration is literally a "breathing in." There has been breathed into your mind an idea, a thought, a suggestion from the Great Spirit of Wisdom.

A wall of masonry is not just a chance accumulation of stone and mortar. It is a studied and carefully planned arrangement executed with attention to every detail. Good character in man is not a wild and natural growth. It is only developed under careful discipline. The standard of righteousness is as unvarying as the Plumb.

There seemed to be nothing that the army did not in some way look into. And he was a dull soldier who did not at least dimly guess that somewhere, not far away, is One who looks into the very thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Lord stands beside every wall.

We trust that He in His infinite wisdom knows that we have at least tried to please Him. May God forgive me if I am wrong in this, for I believe that although our work shows many flaws, the seams opening on every side, yet the great Master will know if we have tried to build aright. May it not be that in another world with choicer stone to quarry, and finer tools to work with, and brighter light to lead us—may not the faithful apprentice of this life be advanced to a higher degree of service?

A meeting of the Grand Lodge Corporation preceded the Annual Meeting, which was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 27th day of August, 1925. Five Past Grand Masters and nine Past Deputy Grand Masters were present at the Annual.

The Grand Master comments upon many matters of interest, among them the growth and the growing appreciation every year of the Masonic Library and the reading-room of magazines, Helpful in our own decision to be made at next Annual will be the following:

I am credibly informed that the Grand Orient of Belgium has abandoned the requirement of a belief in God and has removed the Bible from its altars, thus placing itself beyond the bounds of Masonic recognition. We cannot ignore the Fatherhood of God and yet assert the Brotherhood of man.

In connection with the Order of the Eastern Star the Grand Master says:

The use of our Private Lodge rooms is greatly to be deprecated.

He with M.W. Canon Shatford, P.G.M. Quebec, visited the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island on its semi-centennial.

With regard to initiations he says:

It should also be borne in mind that a candidate at the time of his initiation should be known to be in reputable circumstances.

The League of Nations receives as it should, his approval:

One of these is the increasing usefulness of the League of Nations, which is making itself felt as a world influence more quickly and more surely than could have been expected. Its principles are so much in harmony with Masonic principles that they must command our sympathy and support.

He thus eloquently concludes in the words of Sir Oliver Lodge:

"Depend upon it, nothing is haphazard. Things are not left to chance. Everything is amenable to law and order. Everything points to a rational Plan, of which we know neither the beginning nor the end, but toward which we can help. In face of all that, shall we allow ourselves to squabble about trivialities! Or shall we realize that we are the heirs of all the ages, that the destiny of mankind is being partly entrusted to us, and that humanity has a future, a potential future, beyond our wildest dreams!"

The total membership is 5,955, a net increase of 165.

A request for relief came before Grand Lodge from Moncton where the brethren had just completed a new Temple, with regard to which it was stated:

That the cost of said Temple as often happens exceeded the estimates, and further that a large number of Masons had moved away from the jurisdiction.

From the Committee on Foreign Relations whose Report was adopted, we take the following interesting paragraphs, the first having reference to the Negro Lodges of Prince Hall Masons in the United States:

If it should come to pass, in the course of events, that our white brothers and our black brothers agree to let each group have an organization of its own—and there are signs of an approach between them—we who know no distinction of caste might then be able to recognize both.

The readiness among Masons in Spanish America to conform to the standards of English-speaking Masons, which was mentioned in the last report of your Committee, is still in evidence; and it should be possible to present at our next session a brief list of South and Central American Grand Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge can establish fraternal intercourse. As our commercial dealings with South America increase, such fraternal intercourse will be more and more desirable.

Canada is represented in New Brunswick by Bro. Honourable John B. M. Baxter, now prime Minister of the Province, and Bro. J. A. C. Anderson of Toronto, represents New Brunswick with us.

There is no Correspondence Report.

The Fifty-ninth Communication will be held in St John, 26th August, 1926.

George D. Ellis, St. John, Grand Master.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES

M.W. Bro. William Thompson, Grand Master.

Some interesting statistics open the volume. Number of lodges 484, membership 55,268, increase 4,630. Assets of Freemasons' Orphans Society £48,000; Freemasons' Benevolent Institution £32,000, Masonic Schools £49,000, a splendid showing for this great and generous Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master's address is most interesting as illustrating the true spirit of progress:

It is pleasing to note the wonderful growth that has taken place in the past nine years. When I first assumed office, there were 20,477 members of the Craft. Nine years ago our funds amounted to £46,000; now the total is £185,000; so you can see that the growth of this Grand Lodge has been almost beyond compare. We find the brethren all over the State making every sacrifice in order to acquire their own Masonic Temples, and that is one of the most gratifying features in connection with our progress. Everywhere one goes, in every suburb of Sydney and in the country, one sees Masonic Temples, erected to the glory of the Most High, forming rallying points around which good men congregate—men who realize that they are indeed places of divine worship. During the last nine years, £360,000 have been spent in the erection of Masonic Temples, and none have been that were used for other purposes as well, but today they have been seized by the true spirit of Freemasonry, and are not satisfied till they are meeting in their own consecrated buildings. Another great feature is our Masonic School, and it is gratifying to find that this School is flourishing in every respect, and that to-day we have in residence there, 72 of the happiest little children that this State of New South Wales contains.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. D. Cunningham.

Several foundation stones were laid during the year by the Grand Master.

In connection with what British Lodges call "Co-Masonry" the Grand Master says:

I have always felt that severe punishment should be meted out to any brother who was found to have infringed his Masonic obligations by attending a lodge of this kind, because no brother could possibly attend a "Masonic" meeting in which women took part without fully realizing what he was doing, and that in going there he was breaking his obligation as a Mason.

I always contend that ignorance is no plea, and no Brother could possibly plead that he did not know he was transgressing his Masonic obligations in attending a lodge of Co-Masonry.

Of the K.K.K. he says:

Let any Mason for one moment consider the meaning and object of a body of men who set themselves above all law. They constitute themselves the judge, the jury and the law.

The Grand Master and Grand Lodge planted 366 memorial trees at the Masonic School, every tree will have a memorial tablet bearing the name of a Brother who lost his life in the war and they will stand there forever.

A grand organ is being installed in Grand Lodgeroom at Sydney.

An additional area of 88 acres has been purchased for the Masonic Schools.

A Brother was suspended for two years for circulating improper literature.

The following motion was carried requiring each applicant to sign:

"I declare that I will seek no Degrees in any way appertaining to Freemasonry, until a period of at least twelve months shall have elapsed from the date of my receiving the Third or Master Mason's Degree."

Grand Secretary Arthur H. Bray who had been appointed in 1884 found it necessary to resign his post. The Grand Master spoke of him as having been the trusted friend and faithful counsellor of every Grand Master who has occupied the chair. The Grand Secretary's office is one of great responsibility and privilege everywhere. No one can estimate the great and good work of these Grand Officers.

The patronage of Grand Lodge heretofore extended to certain Masonic publications was on motion withdrawn.

The Grand Master is the embodiment of energetic work, having visited since his last installation no less than 250 lodges.

From the report of the Committee on Foreign Cor-

respondence as presented to Grand Lodge we take the following paragraph:

The uprise in the numbers of new Masons who have sought initiation into our mysteries continues unabated. This introduces two problems which are being much discussed—the possibility of our lodges becoming unwieldy, and the difficulty of providing accommodation for them. These matters are specially under consideration in America.

American Grand Lodges are taking active steps to counteract the insidious and disruptive influences of Bolshevism, which have recently spread so rapidly throughout the civilized world.

The Chairman of the Correspondence Report is W. Bro. William Epps, who has a skillful hand.

His review is in the topical form and is contributed to by his colleagues, Brothers Day, Young, Elliott and Henderson.

Under the Condition of the Order they say:

In each Grand Lodge almost, there has been shown a determined attempt to improve the knowledge of brethren, not only as to the basic principles of Masonry itself, but also as to those wider questions, for which it stands, of the love of country, true patriotism and obedience to accepted authority. Fortunately, the Anglo-Saxon race is temperamentally unfitted for drastic revolution, and will follow the lines of orderly change and evolution through constitutional methods.

In Canada the position appears to be sound and hopeful. The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Toronto, on the condition of Masonry in that Jurisdiction is not necessarily pessimistic, but it indicates that attention should be devoted to the basic principles of our order, rather than to its forms and ceremonies, and emphasizes the need for securing the best minds of the craft in the government of its members, rather than possibly those who are more popular and hail-fellow-well-met personally, to take the management. The report, at any rate, indicates that there is no great need for alarm.

To Masonic Homes they give this commendation:

As membership of our Order expands, so will we have more orphans to educate and prepare for the battle of life, and more indigent aged brethren to care for. But the ability to provide the necessary funds should easily keep pace with the calls made on the fraternity—indeed, there are indications that in years to come Masonic Homes will be the biggest and best institutions in every community.

Under Masonic Education they say:

Most of the American Grand Lodges have officers known as Grand Lecturers, who, it would appear, devote the whole of their time to travelling from town to town, visiting the various subordinate lodges, instructing the brethren, and especially the officers, and reporting to the Grand Master, upon each lodge visited.

Should we have one in Canada?

Of physical qualifications they give this suggestive thought and reference:

But it cannot be too strongly stressed that the doctrine of physical perfection did not originate in Freemasonry. It was the rule of the Jewish priesthood according to Leviticus xxi 16-20, it was the rule in connection with the ancient mysteries or at least with some of them, and it is the rule to-day in connection with many priestly orders.

Under the title "Masonry in Danger" they utter a warning:

Some of those parasites still survive and some even profess to look down upon the great Craft upon which they originally grafted themselves. Such, for instance, are some of the self-styled "higher degrees."

Next there is Co-Masonry, an institution in which men and women are similarly initiated. Co-Masonry in recent years, with one woman or another at its head, has gone off largely into Theosophy.

Under DeMolay they give Canada a word saying and quoting largely from our address as Grand Master:

One of the best attempts to sum up the position comes from Canada:

A most interesting collection of Masonic Poetry is included in their review and we share with our readers some of the verse they have quoted in their anthology:

"The bravest battle that was ever fought—
 Shall I tell you where and when?
 On the maps of the world you'll find it not.
 It was fought by the mothers of men.
 Nay, not with cannon or battle shot
 Nor sword or noble pen;
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"If I but knew some heart this side the tomb
 Had by mine act been rescued from the gloom;
 Or that one life had grown in noble deeds
 Because somewhere I'd sown some worthy seeds,
 The thought would drive dark clouds from out life's view—
 If I but knew."

This seems to be answered to some extent by the following lines:

"If I live a life that is clean and square
And I love my fellow-man;
And I lend him a hand to help him bear
His burden whenever I can,
I need not fear what the future holds,
Nor what the reward shall be,
For the mighty love that all enfolds
Will most surely care for me.

The operative duty of a Mason is a favourite theme in Masonic poetry.

"Craftsman, have your work prepared,
Marked and numbered, duly squared,
That, when presented, no excuse,
Shall keep it from the Builder's use. "

"He gained a world; he gave that world
Its grandest lesson: 'On and on!'"

Would but the nations heed the Plumb—war's carnage soon
would end,

Thy Level rivalries subdue, thy Square to virtue tend,
Thy Trowel spread that true cement which doth all hearts unite,
And darkness comprehend and glow with thy immortal light—
Live on! O Masonry, live on!

We sympathize with the brother who wrote the following banter:

THEM'S OUR SENTIMENTS

There ain't no use of kicking, Brother,
What's all this holler about?
Because some poor correspondent
Has taken up the scissors route.
He is writing for his Craft,
So cut out your little whine;
They may like his way the best:
Better say, "Doing fine."

The Freemasons' Benevolent Institution present
their 33rd Report—brave and buoyant.

John Goulston, M.W. Grand Master.

David Cunningham, Sydney, R.W. Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1925

The handsome portrait of His Excellency the Most
Worshipful the Grand Master, General Sir Charles
Fergusson, soldier and statesman, together with other

portraits of other Grand Officers adorn the volume of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

After the lamented death of the late Prime Minister M. W. Bro. Massey in May, 1925, R.W. Bro. Richard Hutton Richmond acted as Grand Master acceptably and efficiently.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Communication was held at Dunedin on the 25th and 28th November, 1925.

Acting Grand Master Richmond paid a noble tribute in his address to the late Queen Alexandra and a resolution was passed by Grand Lodge and forwarded to Their Majesties.

He also spoke eloquently of the late M.W. Bro. Massey, for so many years Prime Minister and Imperialist, saying:

The keynote of his life was service. He carried into practice the teachings of our ancient charges. He accepted the responsibilities of office, forgetting the honours—a man devoid of self-seeking; his first care the good of the Empire. Devoted to duty, regardless of self, he spent himself in the service of the country he loved, and the Empire is immeasurably richer in everything that is worth while for his life of service and devotion.

Of the District Grand Masters he says:

I know from experience that their task is an arduous one, requiring a considerable amount of self-sacrifice but the kindness and warm-heartedness of all the brethren more than repays any sacrifice made. It is indeed a wonderful privilege to have the honour of presiding over a district.

Of the good work of the Craft he says:

We have paid out £83,097. I think we may say without boasting that we have been the means of bringing a little more sunshine into a few homes that were sadly in need of it. May we continue the good work.

There is destiny which makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

There is no substitute for it. No plan, no scheme, no program for a better world order, is worth the paper it is written on without men of the brotherly spirit. Who so lives the brotherly life, however obscure he may be, does more for the world than all the orators.

We must apply the Golden Rule in all our activities if we are to hope for a wiser, a juster, a more merciful social order.

In proposing the election of His Excellency the Governor General as Grand Master it was said:

His Excellency had given strong evidence of his capacity as an administrator, and also his humanity as a man.

The Funds of Grand Lodge total' nearly £89,000 Sterling, an increase of over £4,000 during the year.

The Committee on Necrology thus commemorate the passing of Grand Master Massey:

His example will be a shining light for Brethren to follow, and his name will ever be associated with high national ideals and personal unfailing probity, unswerving loyalty to his country and friends, and a devotion to duty that undoubtedly shortened his life.

His Brethren in Freemasonry are proud that such a man was associated with the Craft as its Most Worshipful Grand Master, and deem it an honour to thus record their sincere appreciation of the late Brother William Fergusson Massey.

As to chain prayers and irregular Masonic lodges the Committee report:

The Board strongly objects to the practice, and an instruction was issued to lodges recommending that any brother who received a copy of a Chain Prayer should at once destroy the document.

The attention of the Board was again drawn to the activities in this territory of that spurious and clandestine Masonic organization known as "Co-Masonry".

It is understood that attempts have been made to induce Freemasons to attend the meetings of the body referred to, but as it is in every way irregular, any brother who attends any of their lodges will be violating his obligation, and will render himself liable to Masonic discipline.

A warm welcome was given to the American Naval Officer Masons on the occasion of the visit of the U.S. Battle Fleet to New Zealand.

Membership has now attained to 23,887.

The following motion was carried:

That Grand Lodge instruct the Board of General Purposes to take steps to place before Grand Lodge the necessary resolutions to establish a Juridical Board to supervise all alterations of the Book of Constitution, and assist in the decision of all questions of Masonic jurisprudence that may arise.

It was decided to appoint Reviewers to establish Fraternal Correspondence with other Jurisdictions hereafter.

From the In Memoriam pages we find "The Long Day Closes":

The lighted windows dim are fading slowly.
The fire that was so trim now quivers lowly.
Go to the dreamless bed where grief reposes;
Thy book of toil is read, the long day closes.

The installation of the Grand Master was carried out with great solemnity and with full musical Ritual.

We reproduce some of the verses from the wonderful ceremonial which is printed:

And now may He, from Whom all blessings flow,
Direct thy footsteps and thy pathway strew
With flowers of gladness; and may He bestow
His special grace and blessing upon you.
May Masonry beneath thy guidance bring
Content where'er its mystic light may shine;
And may the wisdom of that mighty king
Whose throne you fill, inspire our hearts and thine.
So mote it be.

May wisdom from on high
Bind fast our mystic tie
So mote it be.
May we united stand,
And join throughout the land,
With apron, heart, and hand.
So mote it be.

That God his hands may strengthen
Let every Craftsman pray.
In wishes true and hearty
Let every Craftsman share,
And greet him still, "God bless him,"
Our Master in the chair.
So mote it be.

The Grand Master then delivered a most appealing address showing that he is the right man in the right place. We do not apologize for making the following long extracts, they are worth while:

It is a position which any man must prize beyond words. But much as I do prize it, what I appreciate most is the confidence in me which your choice betokens, and of which I shall earnestly strive to be worthy. I ask for your indulgence, for your support, for your

prayers; and I humbly take up the duties with the determination to do my best to merit the trust which you have placed in me.

I suggest that regular and systematic contributions are a sounder method of finance than spasmodic efforts; and that every lodge should realize the necessity of regular and adequate contributions to a fund to which every Mason must of necessity be especially sympathetic.

The danger of inactivity has always to be recognized. No institution or body can ever excite enthusiasm among its members and still less can it exert influence outside, unless it shows itself strong, virile, and active. In Freemasonry, as in other things, we cannot stand still; we must either go forward or we shall go back. And which path we take depends, in Freemasonry more than in any other body, on individual brethren themselves.

In what direction, then, should we turn our thoughts and the thoughts of those among whom we shall be working during the coming twelve months?

I suggest that the need of the world to-day can be summed up in one word—Loyalty. It is the particular pride and boast of Freemasons that they are, above all things, loyal. But my reading of the meaning of the word is that loyalty is something far higher than a passive acquiescence in law and order; something more than acknowledging allegiance to supreme power set over us. Mere lip-service is no use, nor does the constant reiteration of our adherence to the principle help much, unless it is translated into action. There must be Service, for that is the only form of loyalty which is sincere and genuine and practical.

In the world today we see two distinct features. On the one hand there is a distinct striving among men and women to give service to their fellow creatures, a general awakening to responsibilities of social service. On the other hand, in some parts of the world sedition has reared its head; the common good is forgotten, and only selfish interests are considered. Sedition is the negation of service, whether it be aimed directly against the King and Constitution, or generally against the interests of the country and the well-being of our fellow men.

It is now, when we are as it were at the parting of the ways, that it behoves all Freemasons to throw their whole weight and influence into the scale. We have a clear and distinct mission. Loyalty is and has always been our watchword; let us show it by service.

By personal example, by active and generous support of all movements which have for their object the training of youth in Christian principles and the duties of citizenship, we can each one of us do much to help; and we may be sure that in so doing we shall be living up to the highest ideals of our Craft.

New Zealand is represented in Toronto by R. W. Bro. John Boyd and we are represented in Auckland by R. W. Bro. Charles Rhodes.

Colonel George Barclay, Auckland, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Frederic E. Everett, M.W. Grand Master.

The several Special Communications were held to lay Cornerstones and other appropriate purposes and the usual Semi-annual Communication was held December 30th, 1924, at which, as at other meetings, Canada was represented by Bro. Ira A. Chase.

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication was held in the City of Concord, May 20th, 1925. Nine Past Grand Masters graced the East.

M.W. Bro. Randell, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, was introduced and honoured. From the Address of Grand Master Everett, which abounded in good matter, we make the following extracts:

We assemble in our Masonic capacity purely as a voluntary act on our part, with a belief that we are doing something for ourselves and for others, all worth much in our human life, as our incentive.

All of us ought to rejoice that our Freemasonry is not something that has a rigid fixedness as its leading characteristic. While its fundamentals may not be changed or modified by any man or body of men, its life may be newly expressed; its habits may be again created; its thought may be advanced; its hopes may be redirected; its purposes may be reinterpreted; its ultimate end may be made more glorious, all because a vision of greater usefulness has permitted us to apply the old things in newer ways.

This great change is epochal and distinctive, and is the assurance to every thoughtful Master Mason that our institution is an agency for the carrying out of some of the plans of the Great Creator in this world of ours.

He quotes at length the poem "The Master's Word" which we reproduce for the benefit of our brethren:

"Thus ends the scene. Earth's fitful strife is o'er
For to its waiting shore
One fateful day,
The boatman came, and with his dipping oar
Bore him away.
Peace, brother, peace! But O! thou boatman pale,
If thou canst e'er reveal
Thy journey's end,
Tell us thy secret; whither didst thou sail
With him, our friend?

"For if he lives—and something says 'tis true—
 Somewhere beyond the blue,
 Or, far, or near,
 He hath not quite forgotten—this I know—
 His brothers here;
 And he would send us greeting, it may be,
 From o'er the silent sea,
 Our hearts to cheer;
 Some joyous welcome; perchance would send by thee
 'The Master's word'
 Love's sacred key to holy brotherhood."

Of the Masonic Home he says:

A year ago you unanimously imposed upon yourselves an assessment of one dollar per year, for five years, that the Masonic Home at Manchester might be enlarged and improved in its equipment.

Every lodge promptly paid its assessment when due, without a grumble.

The work has been done as we have sensed your desire it should be done. It is a monument to your generosity. Better still, it is an evidence of the faith and love that is within you.

The District Deputy Grand Masters all made reports similar to those made by our own District Deputies.

V.W. Bro. John A. Cowan of Toronto, represents New Hampshire near Canada.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is in the experienced and friendly hands of M.W. Bro. Harry M Cheney. It is his nineteenth review and in his foreword he says:

I have by no means attempted to keep myself wholly out of these pages. I have tried not to put too much of myself therein. If we did not have birds the insects would strave us to death. If we did not have insects, there would be a birdless world. That is nature's balance. I have tried, in my writing, to create a balance, as to myself.

When you reach the last page I hope that you will have got the impression that Freemasonry is marching on. Our fraternal opportunity is being more surely grasped by our Masonic masses, and there is no inclination to run away from it. There is a determination, easily to be detected, to make of our institution an agency for the carrying out of the divine plans. We have become convinced that just that is the reason for our organic life. Let us cling to this—the other things will adjust themselves.

We thank him for his kindly review of Canada and for his friendly touch. He says among other comments:

The Grand Master, through statistics, shows how they are growing. The assets are \$404,000; the membership has increased 3,000.

They have no Home, but are well caring for those who need assistance.

When it comes to Masonic money it is good anywhere.

The address is full of good things, giving them much upon which to contemplate, as they arranged their household for another year of endeavor.

It was decreed that the time had not yet come for them to build a Home, a hospital, or a school. But it was also found that it was wise to extend their present system. Thus do they face duty and do their appointed mission.

They are to have a silver medal struck and presented to every Past Master who in age has reached his fiftieth anniversary. There cannot be a great number of these, but they will become a precious possession.

Our own publication for 1923 fell into Bro. Ponton's group, for which we are both honored and pleased. He gives five and one-half of his finely printed pages. Many things are taken from the address of that year. We do not recall when we have had any sweeter compliment paid to us, as your Correspondent, both as regards personal statements and the selection of material from our report for reproduction, than is here revealed. The test he gives is severe; that we meet it is a glory of which we had not dreamed.

Of Illinois he comments thus for us all:

The Correspondent puts into his foreword three things which he finds are quite generally attracting the attention of our American Grand Lodges, namely, Masonic education, knowledge of Masonic law, and physical qualifications. The last is best disposed of, we think, by leaving it wholly in the hands of the lodges. The other two are huge things, requiring the best within us for their solution.

Under Michigan hear him speak as to the largest luminary on the horizon:

We have now discovered why Michigan's book is suddenly of such huge dimension—there are 716 pages devoted to the Correspondence alone. For many years the Correspondent has been officially restricted by decree of the Grand Lodge. A year ago the restrictions were removed, thus permitting the Correspondent to offer such a report as seemed to him best.

Quebec always receives generous recognition and he says of E. T. D. Chambers' Report truly and complimentarily:

The first words of the Correspondence are these, "For the thirty

seventh time." Think of all those years, more than a generation, so generously given to inform and to educate his brethren. He has built his monument better than he knew.

He remarks that when the New Hampshire proceedings arrive it is like having a neighbor drop in for a friendly call. We are glad of this, yet we long for a greater degree of neighborliness, so much do we admire their type of Freemasonry.

It is not purposely perpetrated by us, yet he affirms that in our own writings he finds "a nimble and always refined wit." We had not been conscious of this, but if it be so we are gratified that it may be called "refined."

Of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and England he compresses much in one single paragraph:

The Correspondent, rightly we believe, exhibits something of elation because of their recognition by the Grand Lodge of England. That is branding of high quality. We appreciate it because it confirms New Hampshire's action and adherence to their cause.

The Society of Veteran Freemasons held their meeting contemporaneously with Grand Lodge, and statistics with regard to the Masonic Home close the volume.

M.W. Bro. Bela Kingman, Newmarket, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY

M.W. Bro. Andrew Foulds, Jr., Grand Master.

After the report of many Emergent Meetings, which show a continuity of activity of this great Jurisdiction both in constituting lodges, in laying corner-stones and in burying Past Grand Masters, the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication held at Trenton, April 22nd, 1925, are recorded.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters supported and adorned the East.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed, one of the faithful.

In his opening invocation R.W. Bro. Fitzgerald, Grand Chaplain, thus spoke:

We have been the recipients of great good at Thy hands. We come this morning thanking Thee for the privilege of being permitted to serve in these quarries.

The Grand Master in his able address said:

The Masters, Wardens and officers of Subordinate Lodges are men, of high character who are striving to emulate that Masonic contention, who best can work and best agree.

It is fitting that, before considering matters of business and routine, we pause in token of respect to those who, since the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, have laid aside the working tools of life and whose absence fills our hearts with sadness.

He reproduced a letter of greeting from Sir Alfred Robbins from which we take two sentences:

It adds one more to the ties of affectionate memory that will always bind me to New Jersey which, as I told the brethren of your Jurisdiction, was my home State throughout my recent visit to America. I entered the State only three hours after landing on American shores, and I left it only two hours before my sailing for home three months later.

I have returned to my brethren at home filled with gratitude for the welcome given me everywhere I went by the brethren of America and profoundly impressed with the zeal, assiduity and spirit of high endeavor I experienced in all Masonic circles I had the great pleasure and honour to visit.

Of the Masonic Home and Charity Foundation he says:

The care of our needy and distressed brothers and the dependent mothers, widows and orphan children of those who have been taken from us by death, always makes a strong appeal to the Masons of New Jersey.

That faithful, earnest and self-sacrificing body of men who, as our Board of Governors of the Masonic Home at Burlington, are giving to this work the best that is in them, will presently submit their report.

The satisfaction which we derive from this achievement is, however, dimmed by a realization of the fact that many worthy cases are being presented for our consideration; that the indications are that the time is rapidly approaching when, because of lack of room, we will again find ourselves unable to receive and care for all who need our help and that the urgent cry of the orphan boys at the Home has not been heeded.

Of Masonic Clubs generally he speaks thus:

So long as these clubs and their members bear in mind that they

are Masons and maintain the high character which that word implies, they are good. The danger lies in a relaxation of those standards.

And of the Order of the Eastern Star he writes:

The ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star, although claiming no affiliation with the Masonic Fraternity, have so graciously and generously co-operated with us in our work at the Masonic Home at Burlington and have so frequently and materially assisted the brethren in constructive work, that I take pleasure in making this acknowledgment of our appreciation.

His opinion on costumes was asked and is given:

It is not intended to prohibit the use of costumes in lodge work, but rather to discourage the general adoption of costumes.

He answers another question thus:

Question—May a lodge hold a supper or other entertainment for which an admission price is charged?

Decision—Any enterprise involving commercial activities on the part of a Masonic lodge is not to be encouraged.

Membership 82,827, net gain 4,358.

The Grand Master of Connecticut said in his acknowledgment of welcome:

New Jersey is to be congratulated in what it has accomplished in its duty of taking care of its dependents. It is not charity, it is a duty—it is a privilege and a privilege of which every Master Mason should be proud to have his part in.

And the Grand Master of Rhode Island gave them and us this thought:

Masonry does not claim as her greatest asset her age or her honorable past. Her past is indeed glorious, but she considers her past principally as Benjamin Franklin said: "The only lamp I know of to guide my feet is the lamp of experience." In a similar way Freemasonry cherishes her past, not in any vain glory, but for the benefit of its experience.

M.W. Bro. Randell spoke of Grand Master Foulds as the head of the Masonic Service Association of the United States and thus spoke of that which is so near to his heart:

One good Brother said "Randell, don't you know that when you touch a man's pocketbook you touch his heart?" "True," I replied, "ordinarily, but when you touch a Freemason's heart you open his pocketbook. Wait and see."

And so it has come to pass that the Craft in Texas, in less than four years, have willingly, happily and without strain, invested

approximately two million dollars in the buildings, equipment, maintenance and endowment of their Home and School for children, and have maintained and enlarged the Home for Aged Masons besides. (Applause).

The trouble is with us. We do not take the necessary steps to reach the brethren. Whenever you reach the attention of the individual brother with the causes, activities and needs of his lodge and of his Grand Lodge, you have an enlisted man, who will not fail in attending lodge, in sustaining its undertakings, or in generously supporting the Home at Burlington when the Home calls for his support. But the only known way on earth by which every one of the brethren may be reached is by the periodical printed communication to the individual brother. There is no chance to do it otherwise, not even by a tremendous organization and the expenditure of multiplied thousands of dollars each year.

Many beautiful pictures of the Masonic Home from different points of view adorn the Proceedings and give us in Canada good suggestions to act upon when our time comes, as it must soon.

New Jersey is represented near Canada by R.W. Bro. W. H. Day of Guelph.

The Correspondence Report is by a Committee composed of three. Robert A. Shirrefs, William Van Eerde and Ernest A. Reed.

We find the following under Canada and we appreciate the good hand of fraternal fellowship extended. This reviewer ever gratefully remembers the hospitality of New Jersey:

Many Grand Masters have discussed the unassimilated member of the fraternity, but Grand Master Drope sees it from a new point of view.

Masonic zeal must be tempered by discretion, and direction, and it is the bounden duty of our older and more experienced members to see that Masonic zeal is directed into proper channels and that our ancient customs and usages are properly safe-guarded.

An interesting and valuable report was submitted by the committee on Condition of Masonry, through its chairman, R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks.

The reviews of fraternal correspondence are submitted by the chairman, Bro. Ponton, on behalf of his colleagues. The friendliness and good cheer of the concluding paragraph is typical and reflected throughout the work. One cannot help feeling a closer bond of sympathy with our Canadian brethren after reading it.

Our little journeys to the homes of men of good will, the world

over, are now happily ended (as happily begun) for another year, and the good ships—good fellowship, and good comradeship—are riding buoyantly at anchor in the home port, refitting for the next voyage of 1925 to be undertaken with the League of Good Cheer—by air and land and sea, over hills and valleys, lakes and rivers, oceans and seas, wherever a Mother Grand Lodge lives and rules with beneficent sway over men of light and leading of the creative Craft universal—God be with you till we meet again.

Under Pennsylvania M.W. Bro. Reed says:

The present movement toward education is reflected in action taken creating a lecture corps under a supervising lecturer, the purpose of the organization being.

To make plain what Freemasonry is and what a Freemason should be.

Resolved, That the use of the lodge-rooms in this jurisdiction for the purpose of conferring any degrees denominated androgynous, is hereby interdicted.

The author informs us that this is a "dollar-thirty-three-cent word," meaning "combining of both sexes," and he suggests that this action by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was intended to prevent the use of Masonic rooms by the O.E.S. He wonders if the action was ever rescinded.

Ralph E. Lum, Chatham, M.W. Grand Master.

Isaac Cherry, Trenton, R.W. Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO

John W. Turner, M.W. Grand Master.

After several Special Communications the Forty-seventh Annual was held in the City of Silver City, February 16th, 1925.

Distinguished guests from Arizona and Texas were honoured.

From the address of welcome by the Lodge of Silver City to Grand Lodge we take the following courteous greeting:

In opening this address I cannot do better than to hark back to our friend William Shakespeare, and say with him:

"Sir, you are welcome to our house:
It must appear in other ways than words,
Therefore, I scant this breathing courtesy."

You are meeting here in our new Masonic Temple. This brings to mind that, in the early days of New Mexico, when the Spanish language and customs prevailed, the measure and quality of welcome and hospitality to an American by our Spanish brother was contained in the greetings—"This house is yours, Senor," and I want to say to you that the spirit that actuated that sentiment is present today among the members of this lodge. We say: "This Temple is yours, brethren."

The Grand Master in his address said:

Those who established Masonry in this State, a then Territory, during the turbulent days of early pioneering, "buildest better than they knew."

This heritage is ours. But with that heritage there goes a trust, a trust to do even better than they who established Masonry in New Mexico.

He speaks highly of a series of interesting illustrated addresses on Masonic service conducted by Texas brethren on two visits and of them he says:

It was a great privilege for your Grand Master to have these Texas brethren visit us during the past year, and it is his opinion that the Craft in New Mexico received a wonderful inspiration from what they had to say to our lodges, and more especially the manner in which they presented the various subjects covered in the Masonic Service program, and in particular the Masonic Home and School of their state. Your Grand Master believes the exchange of visitations by the various jurisdictions is a step forward in the direction of co-operation and the cementing of brotherly love and friendship, bringing the brethren closer together in the practices of the fundamentals of Freemasonry.

I am exceedingly proud to report that this undertaking is proving very satisfactory and successful. We have in force today, or have had, about forty loans to students in higher educational institutions.

The Committee on the Revolving Student Loan Fund report:

The Fund is in no sense a charity fund. The Revolving Student Loan Fund undertaking of this Grand Lodge contemplated taking certain permanent funds of this Grand Lodge and instead of investing them in bonds, invest them in young men and young women of sound integrity. It contemplated no impairment of these funds. To that end your Committee at all times has sought to insure, first of all, that loans shall be made in worthy cases and, secondly, that all possible safeguards for the repayment of loans shall surround loans completed.

The Committee on Masonic Education gives a most interesting and dramatic report:

Particular attention of the membership generally is directed to that most excellent and worthy publication edited by our able Brother, Joseph Fort Newton, Litt. D., namely: *The Master Mason*—a magazine for the Craft. Within its pages will be found the essence of the Freemason's Ritual, and a perusal and study of its splendid contributions entitle it to a place in the library of every good Mason.

An incident believed to be worthy of mention, and more particularly for its interest historically, was the excursion conducted under the auspices of Eddy Lodge on August 3rd, 1924, to the Carlsbad Cavern National Monument, where the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and his corps of speakers viewed with awe, admiration and amazement some of the creations of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

This great "room" as large as a city block and varying in height from nothing to 150 feet, revealed with the aid of powerful flares carried for the occasion, a myriad of the most delicately formed lace-like stalactites (ceiling), while giant, solidly formed soldiers of stalagmites (floor) were seen to be stationed at intervals about the ectangular shaped wonder world.

Here, now in the darkness and silence of night, except for the ever-faithful torch—surrounded by the awe-inspiring creations of God's handiwork—was assembled in true Masonic form, the first Fraternal order ever to set foot in Carlsbad Caverns at an elevation of 785 feet below the surface, and more than three-fourths of a mile from the entrance shaft! The Masonic emblem taken from one of the Texas cars was carried into the caverns and unfolded from a stalactite in "The East", where presided the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of New Mexico, Brother John W. Turner.

The party journeyed on into the realms of wonderment, exploring each new scene with silence and the realization then, as never before of Masonry's teachings of the beauties and glories of the handiwork of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe. The travelers, tired and worn, finally reached the surface over new circuitous trails.

The sepia picture of the great Carsbad Cavern in New Mexico, a wonderful national Masonic Monument, with the brethren 800 feet underground and three-quarters of a mile from the entrance shaft, is unique.

The Masonic Tubercular Sanatorium is making fine progress and doing great work.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address approve of the activities of the De Molay and Boy Scout Movements as developing and protecting the youth of the commonwealth.

Bro. Lucius Dills is the Foreign Correspondent and

he gives us much matter which we reproduce that our brethren may read:

One year ago, when the subscriber accepted the job of Foreign Correspondent, he was laboring under several delusions.

Among these may be mentioned the idea that the fabrication of an interesting and informative report upon the activities and accomplishments of our Sister Jurisdictions would be a mere bagatelle, and that the chief art would be the compressing of such report within allowable limits of verbosity.

A few jurisdictions took slaps at the Ku Klux Klan which may be regarded as of doubtful propriety since that organization owes the greater part of its growth to the publicity given it by those who have decried it.

Fully as many are exercised over what some are disposed to classify (without saying so in definite terms) as pernicious political activity on the part of a concordant branch of Masonry in insisting upon its membership memorializing Congress for the enactment of legislation that may be classed as political. In this, as in regard to the Ku Klux Klan, there is little occasion for alarm. Memorializing Congress on anything is a harmless pastime, and this supposed activity is a handy smoke screen to hide the fact that the particular offender hinted at is not doing anything itself to which the membership may "point with pride."

In every jurisdiction in the United States and Canada, there is shown a growth in the ranks of Masonry. In most instances, this can be considered as satisfactory and healthy, but in some, the increase has the appearance of being inflatory, and dropsical; and, when the doctrine of the chain can be applied, it may well be asked if this disposition to overgrowth is a real good thing for Masonry?

In looking through the various Proceedings, I find that some jurisdictions, to save the Grand Master and to relieve the steady grind of Committee work, have Grand Orators, and they orate.

Many of these efforts are truly eloquent. Of one thing we may be assured, Masonry will never have an acceptable and accepted history, so long as these orators are permitted to inflict their imaginings on their "less informed brethren."

In no like period since the evolution of English speech, has a greater change been wrought in the affairs of the world than during the last decade, and Masonry either had to die of dry rot or adjust itself to the changed conditions.

For centuries, certain matters have been considered too sacred to be enunciated as Masonic, in the presence of the profane; and, sometimes too secret to be practiced.

No detailed report by Jurisdictions was given.

Jaffa Miller, Roswell, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK

William A. Rowan, M.W. Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication was opened in New York, May 5th, 1925. Harold J. Richardson, Deputy Grand Master. Ossian Lang, Grand Historian.

Eight Past Grand Masters occupied seats of honour in the East. M.W. Bro. 'Thomas Penney' as usual, faithfully represented Canada.

From the invocation of Grand Chaplain Treder we take the following:

O Mighty God, Omnipresent and yet Unfathomable, Whom all must believe and know Unchangeable; of Whose power and might the world in which we live and the countless worlds by increase of the knowledge of Thee. As we proclaim ourselves a human brotherhood so teach us to recognize Thy Divine Fatherhood. Give to orphans and widows sustenance, to the poor protection, to mourners consolation, to the sick and afflicted, comfort and relief, to the faithful departed light and rest, joy and consolation in Paradise in the ample folds of Thy great love.

The Grand Master's address was a comprehensive and able review of a great year's work. He says in his opening:

With unfaltering faith in the promise that the "Foundation of God standeth sure," we face the future with a firm and steadfast resolve that they shall ever so remain. "Except Jehovah build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

He pays a worthy tribute to R.W. John Lloyd Thomas who greatly impressed the writer of this review as an eloquent writer and as an apostle of concrete Masonic philanthropies.

The G.M. says of him:

He was a true son of Wales, loving the land of his fathers, Eloquent in description of its fair domain and the genius of its people, devoting himself with unfailing spirit to its ideals of beauty, poetry, music and religion.

Of R.W. and Rev. George R. Van De Water he says:

Dr. Van De Water was endowed with a nature singularly enthusiastic, generous, friendly, greatly human. Always his eager soul "carried on." We can think of him as he often voiced his robust faith, as one

"Who never turned his back
But marched breast forward;
Never doubted clouds would break;
Never dreamt, though Right were worsted,
Wrong would triumph.
Held we fall, to rise: are baffled, to fight better,
Sleep, to wake."

Dispensations for nine new lodges were issued during the year.

The Masonic "*Outlook*" and its mission receives high commendation:

Masonry will make its progression upon its fundamental principles; individuals, and individual policies, are as "ships that pass in the night". *The Masonic Outlook* has a great opportunity to hold up the beacon of the time-tried fundamentals of the Craft.

Under Education he says:

There is need of Masonic education up to a certain point, but the demand for Masonic education is far from being commensurate with the need. The problem is to bring the two more closely to a common level. I have stated on several occasions, and I restate here that, in my judgment, the social features should be urged more than the educational, and that the latter would develop more readily as somewhat of a natural result.

The New York Lodges in Finland were constituted into a Grand Lodge and three lodges were constituted in Bucharest, Roumania, and two in Beirut, Syria. Thus does New York expand its beneficent horizon.

The Grand Master notes with satisfaction that 563 lodges are now presenting the Bible to the candidate and he says:

It is pleasing to make this announcement, showing as it does the religious aspect of the Craft; it is at the same time a fitting commemoration of the Craft in this Jurisdiction; of the 400th Anniversary of the publishing at Brussels by William Tyndale of the New Testament in the English language, which act cost him his life.

Belgium is referred to as having eliminated not one but two fundamental principles of Masonry.

Of the Masonic International Association, to which much attention is paid throughout the Proceedings, the Grand Master solemnly utters these words:

The Association was the result of an attempt to work out a closer world-brotherhood amongst all Freemasons. Only a few

jurisdictions, some of whom are clandestine, have shown an interest in it. None of the regular jurisdictions of Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australasia, or the United States, save New York, became members. Inasmuch as these last named jurisdictions comprise the great majority of the regular Masons of the world, it is self-evident that a closer world-brotherhood cannot be established through a partly clandestine minority of less than three (3%) per cent of the regular Masons of the world.

The Association disregarded the objects for which it was formed, concerned itself in matters with which it had nothing to do, and in reference to which it was without power.

Following this decision, we withdrew this Grand Jurisdiction from membership in the Association, and from official and social Masonic intercourse with clandestinism.

In passing, I will say the determination of the Association to attempt to go over the head of the Grand Master and appeal directly to the Grand Lodge was not only remarkable, but was lacking in ethics, respect, and courtesy, both to this Jurisdiction and its Grand Master.

Notwithstanding this prohibition, the Association, stained with clandestinism, by this Memoir to this Grand Lodge is interfering in the affairs of this Grand Lodge, not only in an attempt to point out its duty, but also in an effort and with the expectation, to cause this Grand Jurisdiction to repudiate the action of its Grand Master.

The representatives of more than 4,000,000 regular Masons of the World have stood aloof from the Association.

The opposition to our withdrawal is largely based upon the following statements:

That the Masonic Fraternity throughout the World must get together; that the principals should get together to find out whether there is anything to fight about; that the Masonic Fraternity is divided against itself; that at present there is a condition of chaos and anarchy in the Craft.

The answer to this is that if there is chaos and anarchy in the Craft it is not evident among regular Masons, and if it exists at all it must be among Clandestine Masons. That regular Masonry is not divided against itself; each Jurisdiction is pursuing its own course but respects the sovereignty of all regular Jurisdictions and the only thing to fight about is in the common cause against Clandestinism, and the principal basis of that fight is over the requirement of a belief in God and the Great Light in Masonry, the Holy Bible.

We are reminded that we have a responsibility elsewhere, but what of our obligations in our own Jurisdiction? Why should we create dissension in our own Jurisdiction in order to enter a foreign field, where jurisdictions without trust in God, and the guidance of the Great Light, pursue their wilful course, well aware of how they

are regarded in other jurisdictions? This condition cannot be relieved by any surrender we may make.

Under the head of Masonic Service Association the Grand Master thus speaks—we venture to think, too exclusively:

Much has been said of jurisdictions being surrounded by a wall, but the only wall surrounding this Jurisdiction is its sovereignty, and when that wall is torn down, we cross the threshold from a sovereign Jurisdiction into the chamber of a national grand lodge. You cannot retain sovereignty and relinquish it at the same time.

From his conclusion we take these pregnant words of prose and poetry:

Our duty to Masonry does not call for the impairment of our initiative, lowering our standards, amending the Constitution, or surrendering any of the Landmarks, with the expectation that by so doing we are serving humanity. On the other hand, let us maintain the integrity of our Institution from the diminishing attacks from without, as well as the increasing attacks from within.

Times change and men change with them,
For still the New allures,
Their purpose falters ever,
No plan of theirs endures;
Strange gods demand their worship,
Strange creeds that come and go;
Men's thoughts and men's opinions
Are tides that ebb and flow.
On ever-shifting currents
Their minds drift to and fro;
Their wav'ring wills are shaken
By all the winds that blow.
But steadfast as the mountains
And surer than the sea
And fixed as are the heavens—
God is and God shall be.

There are at present in the Masonic Home and Hospital at Utica 204 men, 137 women, 101 boys and 70 girls, total 512.

The report of the Superintendent of the Home is most interesting and we cull a few sentences:

In all, a total of fifty-five services have been conducted in the Hospital, and the total number in attendance upon these services was 2,208, or an average per week of about 150. These services have by no means been monotonous.

The service is made wonderful with the choir of children's voices. This choir, numbering more than a hundred, is trained in an efficient manner, and their singing in the Processionals and Reces-

sionals is most inspiring to those who attend the service. One of the splendid features of this service is the place the Flag occupies. It is carried by one of the boys of the Home, and as the choir passes it, every hand is raised to salute the Flag, and then it is placed in the position of honor on the rostrum.

The Grand Librarian reports the attendance for the year at 7,940. It is a fountain of Masonic information containing over 6,000 volumes, 402 having been added during the past year.

The Judge Advocate, who is a column of support to the Grand Master, thus reports:

The policy of the Grand Lodge should continue to be that of refusing to advise or direct the internal affairs or incidental business of chartered lodges unless the same become the subject of complaint or appeal to the Grand Master or involve property in which the Grand Lodge may have some interest or right.

The zeal for information as to Masonic law and its interpretation, while commendably increasing, indicates the desirability of more widely inculcating the knowledge of the Constitution, the Code of Procedure and the decisions of Grand Masters in previous years.

The formal Report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee composed of the following well known brethren, S. Nelson Sawyer, Arthur S. Tompkins and Ossian Lang, recommends the establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Greece and the Grand Orient of Turkey and also with the new German Grand Lodge in Saxony, known as "Zur Brudertreue". While they do not formally exchange Representatives with Spain, yet they recommend the following resolution:

That we recognize as regular Masons all who are thus accredited by the Spanish Grand Lodge, with headquarters at Barcelona, and the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic, and welcome these brethren to the right of visitation and affiliation in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, under the usual Masonic restrictions.

They then summarize what they think should be the requirements of a Committee before recommending fraternal recognition in the future. It is a worthy standard.

The Committee on Memorials to Deceased Brethren cite these verses:

"Life's shores are shifting
Every year,
And we are slowly drifting
Every year,
Old places changing fret us,
The living more forget us,
There are fewer to regret us
Every year,
And its moving stars climb higher
Every year,
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
The heavy burdens lighter
And the dawn immortal brighter
Every year."

Motion pictures of the Masonic Home at Utica are in great demand. Among them "Old Folks at Home" another one "Yuletide", another one "Making Men and Women at Utica".

The Committee on Employment Service headed by R.W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, perform a most fruitful function and from his Report we gather the following useful information:

Averaging good and bad years ten to twelve per cent. of all the workers of the United States are out of work all the time. Widespread unemployment is now a constant phenomenon with far-reaching results. From one million to six million persons are out of work for weeks and sometimes for months at a time.

There will probably always be a portion of the population for whom work cannot be provided. There is an unemployable group among the unemployed.

This country, however, is more favorably situated in this respect than any other.

One of the outstanding features of the Proceedings is the Report of the Grand Historian, R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang, which covers in the most comprehensive manner 22 pages, largely devoted to the Comacine Masters as the real ancestors of Freemasonry. Incidentally he says:

It is obvious that no theory as to the antecedents of the Craft can be of any avail if it does not connect in some convincing way, with Great Britain, the homeland of Freemasonry.

This historic route to Freemasonry passes through, if not, out of, medieval gild organization.

Inquiry after the rise of gilds and other organizations of building craftsmen leads of necessity into monasteries and cathedrals.

The one great fact of the medieval age is the Church. No one can hope to understand that age who disregards it or treats it lightly.

His scholarly work is a monument of erudition and research.

The Committee on Legislation detail the proceedings effectively taken against the bogus concerns identifying themselves with Masonry.

The Correspondence Review is of the concentrated essence of fraternal good fellowship. The Committee in their introduction say:

Care has been taken to include items of significance and particular interest to the Craft, and nothing but that.

Occasionally it has been said that our reviews are severely condensed. They are. In no other way would it be possible to present in comparatively few pages a record of the trend of Masonic thought and action the world over. Checking influences which would persuade the lodges to occupy themselves with contentious political questions more or less subtly introduced. We trust that the summaries will be found instructive, helpful and interesting and that the information and suggestions derived therefrom will redound to the good of the Craft.

Colorado gives the following interesting item:

He then issued an order to the lodges in that jurisdiction requiring the first of the Ancient Charges to be read to all Entered Apprentices upon their receiving the first degree in Masonry. He wants the newly made Masons to know from the very beginning of their career in the Craft that the "First Charge" is the keystone of the Masonic Arch. That much must be preserved at all hazards. Without the thought it represents, Masonry would entirely lose its distinctive purpose. He said:

"Landmarks do not merely designate the limits of a stagnant pool, nor do they mark the boundaries of a prison yard. They are not mere monuments of inaction. They are guides to a course of action. In other words, the landmarks of Masonry are the signposts of a progressive science of life and conduct, not the tombstones of a dead and useless knowledge."

Iowa always furnishes food for thought:

In the "afterword," Bro. Block says:

"There is but one way to Masonic sight and that is by the road of study. It is not enough to *learn* the ritual—we must *study* it."

Under Montana the Reviewers quote:

The Grand Master finds "that it is about as hard to get a man expelled from Masonry, as it is to get a jury to render a verdict to

hang a woman." He says he has had his attention called to members suspected of crimes of all sorts, while there has been comparatively little effort to get rid of these "besmirchers" of Masonry.

Canada in Ontario receives generous treatment and referring to the guardianship idea suggested by Grand Master Drope they say:

The plan is recommended as a most satisfactory one.

The Grand Master asks whether some of the more prosperous lodges would not undertake to act as foster-parents to orphans. There are many lodges that could undertake this work without too great a strain upon their financial resources.

He wants the steadying influence of the seasoned members to be brought into play.

The Grand Master's address is a remarkably fine piece of work simple in form, and direct and keeping in mind throughout the particular needs of the Craft in Ontario.

We appreciate his kindly reference to our review:

Past Grand Master Ponton, whom we of New York have come to know through personal contact, and whose vigorous addresses have been heard by our own brethren, is the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. He writes that in the preparation of the reviews he has had "the efficient and craftsmanlike co-operation" of his colleagues on the Committee.

The Grand Master's address is called "full and satisfying". There are many quotations from our Correspondence report. The review closes with the words, "Ontario and New York are next of kin as nearest neighbors." Indeed, we are, and we hope we shall remember it always.

Under Europe they report upon the International Conference at The Hague, appealing to the Masonic Fraternity, and also upon the Masonic International Association which held its meeting at Brussels, Belgium.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland they find delightful, as we did, and cannot resist many quotations:

To get the genial flavor of the address it must be read as a whole. The toast, of course, was drunk with great enthusiasm and the brethren sang, "God bless the Prince of Wales," and "We'll all sit doon together."

The Prince of Wales, very tactful, democratic and cordial, replied in an equally happy vein.

The Prince then asked the brethren to drink to the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which he said, "I am so very proud

to be the youngest member to-night." The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm and the brethren sang, "Worthy Mason He."

An Ode prepared in honor of the day was recited.

Following the Review are interesting and useful pages of Masonic statistics, giving estimates of the number of Masons among recognized Jurisdictions throughout the world.

M.W. William A. Rowan, New York, Grand Master.

M.W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, New York, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA

M.W. Brother J. LeGrand Everett, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication was held in Raleigh, January 20th, 1925.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were faithfully present. Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to the Roll Call.

In the Grand Master's address he says:

I knew that I would make mistakes, for I am most human, but I relied upon the love and sympathetic understanding of my brethren to overlook any that I might make, and I have not relied in vain, for no one in this high office has ever received more whole-hearted, cordial co-operation than he who stands before you.

Of the Oxford Orphanage he says:

On March 19, in company with Past Grand Master Andrews, it was my pleasure to make a thorough inspection of this well loved institution.

I am convinced, too, that the great body of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction are realizing more and more their individual responsibilities towards these dear fatherless and motherless little ones in our care.

He reports the Memorial Hospital as a magnificent building now complete and in use.

Of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home he says:

I attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Institution June 9th, and it was a real inspiration to mingle with these dear old brethren and their wives who are now facing the sunset of life.

They are happy and contented and the officers of the Institution are untiring in their efforts for their comfort and pleasure.

Under Appeals for Aid he strikes this note:

Permit me to say just here that I am convinced some of our lodges spend too much for entertainment and pleasure and too little for charity, thereby creating the thought in the minds of the profane that a Masonic lodge is simply a place for amusement. It is wrong—a grievous wrong, my brethren, that will work untold harm if we permit it to continue.

He sends a letter to subordinate lodges regarding suspension and other things from which we take this paragraph:

Furthermore, from and after the date of this letter the members of a lodge in voting upon the suspension of a brother for non-payment of dues shall vote upon each separately, there must be no group suspensions.

Among his rulings are the following:

A man whose grandmother is a negro is ineligible to the degrees in Masonry.

Held that a single man's home is where he eats, sleeps and has his washing done, and not where his mother resides, nor necessarily where he owns property.

Is a man who can neither read nor write, and cannot even sign his name, eligible to the degrees in Masonry?

While the Code does not specifically so state, in my opinion it implies that a man must have a reasonable amount of education in order to petition for the degrees in Masonry.

I held with P.G.M. Andrews that a man must be able to read and write in order to petition for the degrees in Masonry.

No Master Mason, unless he be in good standing in his lodge, has the right to wear a Masonic emblem or pin.

He gives this sensible recommendation:

I recommend that no brother be installed as Master of his lodge unless previous to his installation he shall have certified to the Grand Master that he has read the Constitution of the Grand Lodge at least once.

He closes with these fine verses:

"I must travel the miles till the journey is done,
Whatsoever the turns of the way.
I shall bring up at last at the set of the sun,
And shall rest at the close of the day.

"Let me deal as I journey with foe-man and friend
In a way that no man can assail.
And find nothing but peace at the road-way's last bend,
When I come to the end of the trail.

"Let me deal with them each on my way to the West
With a mercy that never shall fail,
And lie down to my dreams with a conscience at rest
When I come to the end of the trail."

Membership 40,609. Net gain 1,237.

The Grand Orator, Rev. Dr. Fraser, President of Queen's College, delivered an eloquent oration on "Manhood and Masonry" from which we take the following worthy extracts:

But today there are other organizations rising around about us, and I want to call attention to that contribution which the Masonic order, by the inculcation of its principles and the practice of its noble virtues, may make to the building of manhood and the establishment of a society of righteousness in the midst of the earth.

First, I call your attention to the fact that to make its contribution to the building of human society, Masonry must have, and it does have, a comprehensive view, and the power of inculcating this view, of the Cardinal Virtues which must be applied to the individual life.

In order to be a dynamic of human society, one must express his life thus developed, in the terms of service. Self-hood developed and held in reserve, is a worthless self-hood, so far as the positive contribution to the welfare of human society is concerned.

No man is to live for others to the exclusion of himself wholly, but that he is to live and to labor, to have and to hold, that which will make him the most potent factor which he is capable of becoming in human relationship, and then pouring out that which is not essential to his potency and his effectiveness into the channels which shall run out to and bless his fellowmen.

The Superintendent of the Orphanage says:

We have made good progress in improving our school conditions, not only in the erection of one of the most imposing school buildings in the State, which has for its aim the very best there is in school construction.

We have opened and occupied one of the most complete hospital buildings the writer has ever seen.

P.G.M. A. B. Andrews, Chairman Finance Committee, presented a clear and satisfying report.

The Necrology Committee gives a fine tribute to

those 500 good men and true who have fallen asleep
"since we last met, to whom hail and farewell."

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on the Asylum grounds at Oxford and the Proceedings were most inspiring.

These verses were recited with many others:

"So long as men grow weary
On pathway dark and dreary;
So long as widows languish
In loneliness and anguish;
So long as each tomorrow
But swells the orphan's sorrow;
Wherever men are falling
'Neath the woes of life appalling—
There Masonry has a Mission.

"To make the cause of duty
Stand forth in all its beauty;
To turn the orphan's wailing
To songs of joy unfailing;
To point the fallen brother
Away from sins that smother
To stars of hope above him
And loyal hearts that love him;
To make men's visions brighter,
And all their burdens lighter."

This Grand Lodge ought not to be satisfied until every member within its grand jurisdiction is familiar not only with the work of the lodge, but also, so far as humanly possible, has been taught the meaning of its symbolism, instructed in the application of its teachings and made a master workman in the quarries of life, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, who shall seize the torch of life and hold it aloft to light the highway where he walks, one who shall be more than the dweller in the house by the side of the road. He must be a guide, philosopher and friend, a fellow pilgrim who shall teach and practice our sublime principles.

R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, K.C., of Napanee, represents North Carolina, and Canada is represented by M.W. Bro. Poteat.

The Fraternal Correspondence occupies a whole separate volume by itself comprising 478 pages and is prepared by R.W. Bro. J. Edward Allen. Needless to say this particular function of Grand Lodge is in capable hands.

From the foreword we take our confrere's reply to the time old question "How Were You Prepared?"

In all sorts of circumstances this question is going to be asked of or about you. Even in Masonry it is asked you. There are three kinds of Masonic preparation. There is first, heart-preparation; that of the will and the emotion. Every Mason must indispensably have this. Next, there is body-preparation. As in all else of Masonry, this symbolizes such a preparation as will enable us adequately, as did the heart preparation enable us gracefully, to be of use to our fellow-man. "The Perfect Youth" was he who originally was alone eligible to Masonry. He it is who today, in fact or in symbolic figure, is able to "best work and best agree" in making society what Masonry would have it be. Such a service cannot depend on externals, or anything which is "shallow".

The third preparation is that of the mind. No matter related to all Masonry is receiving so much thought, so much deep, concentrated attention from the most eminent Craftsmen.

Of the reviews generally he says:

We have grouped these in four divisions: first, the Latin-American and non-English speaking Jurisdictions: second, the Grand Lodges of Australasia: third, the Canadian bodies: and fourth, the several American Grand Lodges. We have not reviewed the English, Scottish and Irish pamphlets that have reached us, because, try as we did, we could not find therein such literature as would lend itself to use in the preparation of these essays. From reading the work of others we wonder whether we receive the same publications from these ancient Grand Lodges.

We invite the attention of the reader to the reviews of The Grand Orient of Belgium, The Grand Orient Lusitania of Portugal, and The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, all of which have been for some years on the list of bodies recognized by North Carolina, and none of which appears to be in strict conformity with our present standards of recognition.

His report on Mexico is most thorough and his summary of the result has been adopted by several other Grand Jurisdictions and is reprinted under another Jurisdiction in this review.

Under Portugal he says:

It appears certain that this is not a sovereign body claiming jurisdiction over the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, but a mixed organization in hopeless contact with other Scottish Rite work, just as is the Masonry of Brazil, which we do not recognize. It does not conform to our standards.

Belgium produces these comments:

Now we have as much respect for tolerance as the next person, be he whosoever he may. But that tolerance is such as to lead us to permit him to go his own way unmolested, expecting the same of him. It is not such, this tolerance, as to permit us to embrace in our bosom those of his peculiar beliefs, to which we do not subscribe;

nor does tolerance permit us to throw to the winds for his sake what we hold essential.

We accord to any man the privilege of electing this, if his conscience so directs: but we insist that it be not done in the name of Masonry, and we will not manifest any willingness that such be done.

Under England he reproduces the larger part of Sir Alfred Robbins splendid report on his visit to the United States.

Canada in Ontario is treated generously and well, no less than eight pages being devoted to us. He says:

It is always a pleasure to read the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. The book is a good one, well written and well printed: while full and complete, it is not a tedious stenographic report of speeches of no importance, as are some of the volumes that come to our table. It begins with a picture of Grand Master William John Drope, who, if we have observed them correctly, is a typical specimen of the best Canadian—and that is saying a great deal.

Canadian benevolent operations are conducted without any institutional aid at all, for so large a Grand Body as this, such a plan is quite unusual. They adopted a report which committed themselves definitely not to build such a Home. We believe institutional aid would make their work more efficient, if even on a small scale.

Quite often we read of "family initiations." Sometimes they are of a father and half a dozen sons: this time, there are eight brothers, from 21 to 41 years of age. The father evidently refused to join, but attended the banquet.

As to excessive rate of Masonic growth after quoting the Grand Master he says:

We believe he is right. The spirit of Masonry is one that one can feel only after many years of experience or preparation for it. After a lodge has received a certain percentage of new members, a danger-point is reached. There, an automatic cessation of petitioners should come.

We have an apology to offer in connection with our review of last year. We did not receive the separate volume of North Carolina containing the Fraternal Correspondence, to which omission he chaffingly alludes in friendly fashion.

The Fraternal Correspondence is from the easy pen of Bro. Ponton, and is very good. North Carolina is graciously reviewed. Bro. Ponton must be, as are we, a busy man, for he says of our 1923

book, "There is no Correspondence Report and apparently no Correspondence Committee." This knocks out our conceit a bit. You see, we were all swelled up over the fact that Grand Secretary Bill Willson put our name and entitlements on the back cover where all the world could see them, as well as inside where the Committees stay. And Bro. Ponton failed to see all that free advertising!

But his conclusion is so good that we must quote it, in spite of all that:

Our little Journeys to the Homes of men of good will, the world over, are now happily ended (as happily begun) for another year, and the good ships—good fellowship, and good comradeship are riding buoyantly at anchor in the home port, refitting for the next voyage of 1925 to be undertaken with the League of Good Cheer.

From New South Wales he quotes a bard who wrote:

"United Masons! 'Tis a movement grand,
To celebrate the junction lately made,
By freely using Pocket, Heart and Hand
In rendering kindness and substantial aid.

"E'er long, a noble Edifice shall rise—
In every portion permanent and real,
And shew its Beauty to the smiling skies,
As pure and peaceful as the Arch Ideal.

"Push on the work! Let not the ardour cool,
But let the helpful breezes on it come
Till we can point to our Masonic School,
Our Orphanage, our Refuge, and our Home.

Why not have a bard in Canada? There is one in Toronto by the name of Spence well qualified.

The review thus concludes:

The brethren enjoy, and many have particular use for, specimens of verse with Masonic flavor, a small collection of which we are using space for. A worth-while compilation of Masonic statistics is not without its useful value, and we are presenting the statistical tables to our readers for this reason.

All of this has not been done without hard labor, which, if the result be of use or value, or capable of instruction, inspiration and entertainment, is done without regret and with pleasure.

Leon Cash, Winston-Salem, Grand Master.

William W. Willson, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA

M.W. Brother Theodore S. Henry, Grand Master.

From the biography of M.W. Brother Henry we take the following "good character" and service:

Brother Henry is a man of fine presence and character; he carries himself as a soldier. He is deliberate, yet decisive. He holds to his views with vigor yet is tolerant of the view point of the other fellow. He is interested in community betterment having given much time and effort to Boy Scout work in Valley City. He is a believer in service, Masonic Service.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Communication was held at Grand Forks, June 16th, 1925, and the following description is given of the introduction of the Colors:

The Senior Grand Deacon accompanied by the Grand Stewards was directed to present the United States Flag and the Grand Master instructed the brethren as to the proper salute which is when "uncovered" to stand at "attention" and if covered, to uncover, bring the hat with the right hand over the heart. The colors were presented at the Altar, the Grand Master uncovered, the brethren standing at "attention" sang one verse of the "Star Spangled Banner" after which the flag was conveyed to the East.

The Grand Master's address was most interesting and full of good fruitage. He said among other things:

Last summer, with the approval of the Committee on Masonic Service and Education, I selected CITIZENSHIP as the outstanding theme to be discussed in our Masonic Service and educational meetings. Constitution of the United States in its many phases was stressed. To have a thorough knowledge of our government and the principles upon which it is founded, to be familiar with its history and with the lives of the men who have made our country the great nation it is today, is to have love and reverence for her institutions that no loud voiced demagogue can easily overthrow. I believe that Masons generally should have this knowledge. Education rather than agitation is the great need of the world today.

The Masonic World, and our communities, can now know that Freemasonry, despite its age-old formalism and traditional aloofness, is and can be used to up-lift bodies and minds as well as the souls of men. I wonder if our brethren are not performing these unselfish tasks because they have at least caught a glimpse of that elusive yet ever present WORD and translated its meaning into Love and Service.

The Masonic Service Association is a product of the West—it is so good the East has accepted it. It is big and good enough for every jurisdiction in this country, and its scope is broad enough.

"Men look to the East for the dawning thing
For the light of the rising sun;
But they look to the West, the crimson West
For the things that are done, are done."

Early in October a letter was mailed to every Mason in this jurisdiction urging upon him the need of every citizen doing his duty to his flag and country by exercising his right of franchise at the polls on Election Day. This letter excited much favorable comment throughout the jurisdiction and country.

He gives a well merited tribute to *The Master Mason*

Under the heading of recognition of European Grand Lodges he says:

Nevertheless this is a subject in which this Grand Lodge should be interested for I believe we should not be so ready to hold Masonic intercourse with organizations which are Masonic in name only and of which there may be questions of their holding fast to the great fundamental landmarks of the fraternity. I therefore recommend that a Committee of three be appointed, with the Fraternal Correspondent as Chairman, to investigate the character, the sovereignty, the principles and the teachings of the European Grand Lodges or Grand Orients now receiving recognition or asking recognition from this Grand Lodge; said Committee to report its findings and conclusions with its recommendations at the next annual communication.

The report of the Trustees Relief Fund is most satisfactory. Incidentally they quote:

As the Sunshine Poet has so sweetly said:
"When a feller needs a friend"—
Then, indeed, he needs him badly;
Let us hope that luck will send
Someone coming, coming gladly.
Life has many bumps unkind,
Life has many rocks that bleed him—
Fortunate a man to find—
Find a friend when most you need him.

From the address on American Citizenship given as a supplement to the Library Report, of Brother Gautefold, we take the following:

Besides this he realizes that there is but one remedy for our national ills—education. Knowledge and inspiration are essential to citizenship. The people of our nation from the time of the Pilgrim Fathers have realized this and thus it is that the church and the school, testifying alike to a people's devotion to God and progress, have often been built before the home.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama was given.

The whole question of Latin Freemasonry was referred on the recommendation of the Fraternal Correspondent to a Committee to investigate and report.

W. Bro. George H. Phelps presented two reports, and from his "topical outline" we excerpt the following spicy paragraphs:

Freemasonry for business or commercial purposes constituted unmasonic conduct. In other Jurisdictions the offensive use of the term Masonic was in connection with bands, orchestras, baseball teams and dances, all promoted by individuals for their own profit.

In one instance the Grand Master mildly suggested that some good might be accomplished by having some lectures delivered on Masonic subjects. The Committee to whom this was referred reported as follows:

"Your committee has had referred to it that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to the advantages and desirability of Masonic Lectures and Masonic Lecture Courses and concurs in his opinion as to the value of such information, when delivered by a competent brother of this Jurisdiction. We are not at this time, however, prepared to make a recommendation and ask for further time to consider the matter."

I know a little Russian Jew who claims to speak seven languages. After I had read the foregoing I went to him and had him say "damn" for me in all seven of them.

The Committee on Necrology include the following in their report:

Is it not wonderful that these men of great affairs, and many burdens, should show such great interest in things, that to some appear as side issues? Is it not a proof that life is all of a piece here, hereafter, and forever?

I know not what the long years hold
Of winter days and summer clime;
But this I know: when life grows old,
It shall be light—at evening time.

Wor. Bro. Colonel Fraine, whose record had been distinguished in a career which was Masonic, Military and Civil, was received with grand honours which were given with a will. He was the former Commanding Officer of the Grand Master and this was an outstanding feature of real human interest.

The Committee on Masonic Service thus conclude eloquently:

We look forward with high hope to the days when Masonry under the Great Father shall take its rightful place as Big Brother to the dwellers of the entire world.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were personally present in the East.

The Masonic Veterans Association which is a flourishing organization, met as usual and transacted business.

This verse gives their atmosphere:

"There's a warmth in the clasp of a Veteran's hand
"Which the World can never feel
"And a depth in the tone of a Veteran's voice
"Which his words do not reveal.
"There's a friendly beam in a Veteran's eye
"And a cheer in his pleasant smile
"Which enlivens the heart and makes one feel
"That the old world is still worth while."

Alexander B. Taylor of Fargo, represents Canada, and North Dakota is represented by R.W. Brother Judge H. D. Leask of North Bay, one of the genial good comrades of Masonry.

The Fraternal Correspondent gives brief and concentrated reviews.

Under Manitoba he says:

He concludes his report with some remarks under the heading "Jazzing Freemasonry" with quotations from the proceedings of Idaho and Ohio in reference to certain questionable, if not worse, acts and conduct at * * * ceremonials and concludes with the comment, "There should be no room for a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in Freemasonry."

Under Massachusetts we find the following:

We confess our inability to condense into the space which the Finance Committee are willing to pay for anything like an adequate digest of the 611 pages included in this volume. We have read and reread it with intense interest, possibly because about 1632 the first Phelps, our seven times great grand-father came to Massachusetts, which gives us the feeling that if Horace Greely had not given his admonition to young men to go West we might have been a high caste Brahmin Yankee, instead of the North Dakota member of the Round Table.

He reviews Canada with approval, saying and quoting:

The Grand Master expresses the opinion, voiced, by many others during the year, that not enough instruction is being given to initiates in the symbolism, traditions, history and principles of the Craft. To remedy this he advises the lodges to start libraries and to maintain reading rooms.

We approve so fully of his very frank and outspoken words on the subject of qualification of officers that we quote the following:

The office of Master of a lodge is one of great importance and requires of the incumbent vastly more than the ability to learn the ritual and confer the degrees. The welfare of the lodge is in his keeping and its success or failure is in proportion to the wisdom and discretion with which he manages its affairs.

The report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry is one of the finest of its kind that we have found in any proceedings. We commend it to the careful attention of those who wish to know just what are the live questions of to-day, and how they are being answered. Wish we had space to reprint it in full.

Past Grand Master Ponton, with the assistance of three other brethren, presents a Report on Correspondence covering 62 Grand Lodges and filling 268 pages. North Dakota was reviewed by Bro. Ponton. He gives us six pages, filled with quotations and comment, all of the most fraternal and courteous character. In fact, we incline to the belief that because of the high personal regard which he has for our Grand Secretary he looks with favor on all of us, for which we are duly thankful.

Theodore B. Elton, Grand Forks, M.W. Grand Master.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, M.W. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA

M.W. Brother James Henry Winfield, Grand Master.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held, for the following purpose:

In Memory of the Fraternal Dead who have been raised to The Lodge Eternal in the Heavens since the last Memorial Service, and in particular of Most Worshipful Brother William Medford Christie, Member and Past Master of Welsford Lodge and three times Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

And a stirring address was given by Rev. Bro. Judd on "The Trumpet Shall Sound" from which we make the following excerpts:

The trumpet sounds the note of definace, of joy, of triumph, of awakening to life. It is the note farthest removed from the dirge,

the lament, the threnody. That is the note I want to catch tonight. We recall the lives of Welsford's sons whom we knew face to face and now miss, some of them great, all of them human.

Khayyam is negation: Socrates is doubt, at best, inquiry; we are sure of Eterual Life, as we are sure that the acacia is forever green, or as hope springs eternal in the human breast.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication was held at Halifax 10th June, 1925, and from the records we take the following:

The Grand Master then placed Grand Lodge in the hands of the Grand Chaplain who conducted the following form of service.

Opening hymn—"How firm a foundation."

Scripture reading—R.W. Bro. Archbishop Worrell.

Collection—Selection by choir, "Lead Kindly Light."

Hymn—"O God our Help in Ages Past."

Sermon—V.W. Bro. Rev. R. M. Leigh, Grand Chaplain.

Benediction—R.W. Bro. Archbishop Worrell.

God Save the King.

The Grand Master in his address said:

The past year shows a net gain in membership of only 80. This is not surprising, when we realize the severity of the business depression which we have been passing through, aggravated no doubt by the regrettable industrial situation in the coal-mining districts of our fair Province. Surely the time has arrived when Capital and Labor can meet in a common ground. Have they not eyes to see that their interests are identical; that what hurts one equally hurts the other; that each is essential to our progress and happiness?

With respect to Chaplain: While no special form of Installation is provided, it is left to the Installing officer to make whatever remarks he can deem appropriate on that occasion, but the Chaplain should always be installed, and when present in the lodge should do the work allocated to the Chaplain if he is competent to do so. If he is not competent, he should not have been elected and installed.

As to the new Freemasons' Hall which the Grand Master dedicated he proudly says:

The brethren of Halifax are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. The building stands forth four-square to the world as an example of what may be accomplished by zeal and industry. It is an edifice of which we may all be proud; chaste, and still noble in its architectural features, and provided with adequate accommodation for all the various requirements of the Craft for many years to come.

And thus he concludes:

My parting word to you is: "Fight the good fight—be steadfast in that which is right—honour the Craft—and live always as Masons ought to do. So that when the summons from above comes to each of us, it may be said "Enter good and faithful servant thou has earned thy reward."

Members 9,662, chartered lodges 79.

With regard to special decrees as to Belgium and other offending Jurisdictions, the Grand Master recommends:

In view of so few of our members reading the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, not even the address of Grand Masters, might it not be a good idea to follow the late Bro. Flint's example and issue and forward each lodge such Special Decree? Your Committee recommends this being done.

The Ten D.D.G.M's report fully their contact with their brethren.

R.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Grand Historian, presented his report from which we take the following sentences:

Many discoveries of interest to the Craft in Canada have been made and publicity has been given to several of these, notably in connection with the first and second sieges of Louisburg, the activities of numerous military lodges, the work of the first Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia (1757-74) and the early evidences of the conferring of several of the higher degrees in this Province previously to 1800.

The provision in the new Masonic Temple at Halifax of adequate accommodation for a library raises the question of the formation of such an adjunct under the control of Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a far reaching report (which was adopted by Grand Lodge) as to recognition of other Grand Lodges laying down the following generic rules, which are followed by a list of those Jurisdictions which the Committee think should be eventually recognized:

Fraternal recognition may be extended to a Grand Lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge, a committee having first considered and reported thereon:

1. That such Grand Body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and duly constituted lodges, or that it has been legalized by a valid act issuing from The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, or from a Grand Body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

2. That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over the Symbolic Lodges within its jurisdiction.

tion, and not in any sense whatever subject to, or dividing such authority with, a Supreme Council, or other Body claiming ritualistic or other control.

3. That it makes Masons of men only.

4. That it requires conformity to the following, which The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia considers necessary in a Masonic Body:

(a) Acknowledgment of a belief in God the Father of all men.

(b) Secrecy.

(c) The Symbolism of Operative Masonry.

(d) The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practised in Nova Scotia.

(e) The legend of the Third Degree.

(f) That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational and for the worship of God; and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.

(g) The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, indispensably present in the lodges while at work.

5. That it occupies exclusively territorial jurisdiction or else shares the same with another by mutual consent; and that it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic Body."

What has impressed itself very forcibly upon your committee is that Grand Lodges with which we hold Fraternal Relations recognize Grand Bodies which we have not recognized and no doubt the opposite is the case. This, it appears to us, is rather an anomalous position and one which, if at all possible to prevent, should not continue. This Report of your committee, if adopted would appear to us to meet the difficulty very largely; in other words, it gives a Basis and establishes a Standard upon which Recognition in the future should be granted or refused.

Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. James C. Jones of Halifax, and Nova Scotia by R.W. Bro. George Malcolm of Stratford.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Jones, our Grand Representative. We do not entirely agree with him in this paragraph of his introduction. We think there are many cases in which those with-drawing or being suspended have been actuated by the very best of

intention and of good will or compelled by misfortune.

Freemasonry is rapidly returning to normal conditions, many brothers who during the Great War "Joined Up" thinking they could obtain something without giving, have found their mistake and have either taken the honorable step and dimitted or allowed themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

California gives him and us this suggestive thought:

And here is another society or organization called the "Order of Jean d'Arc," which wants to get attached in some way to Freemasonry, but that the Grand Master did not approve, the following will show:

I felt it necessary to advise that it had always been the policy of Masonry in general as well as of the Grand Lodge of California, to avoid any seeming connection with or sponsoring of outside organizations or movements, that I felt such policy was still sound and the wisest one to pursue, and that until Grand Lodge had spoken on the matter I would have to advise against subordinate lodges passing such resolution. And while passing, although it may not be pertinent to my report to this Grand Body, yet I cannot refrain from remarking, that irrespective of how praiseworthy this movement may be and however helpful its principles may prove—and I believe all of this can be said of it—yet I believe there is a serious question of its propriety, for there are, in my judgment, already too many activities inclined to divert the attention of our children from their school work and other duties. I speak from close observation in this regard.

He also points out very plainly that the order of De Molay for boys "is not an adjunct to Masonry, nor a recruiting ground for Masonry."

Under Canada as to men physically imperfect and other matters he says (quoting also largely from Grand Master Drope's address):

No details are given with regard to the latter group, so we are left in doubt as to the extent of physical imperfection, up to which an afflicted applicant finds favour in the opinion of M.W. Bro. Drope, which is to be regretted.

The Address contained considerable excellent, if somewhat elementary advice, but which might well be taken to heart, and with a view to its further circulation we take pleasure in quoting the following:

"The office of Master of a lodge is one of the greatest importance and requires of the incumbent vastly more than the ability to learn the ritual and confer the degrees.

A poor Warden or Senior Deacon will never make a good Master. A good Warden or Senior Deacon may not have the necessary qualifications for a good Master.

The reports of thirty-two District Deputy Grand Masters are records of much good work, well done, and make very interesting and instructive reading.

Personally this reviewer appreciates very much his kindly reference to our report of 1924, as to which he encouragingly says:

Bro. Ponton as Chairman of the Committee intrusted with the Annual Review presents, as a result of that Committee's work, a comprehensive report.

That this is most carefully compiled is evidenced by not only the numerous excerpts from the actual Proceedings under review but also by the many paragraphs requoted from the work of other Round Table artists and needless to say, a wise selection is shown in every instance, the whole forming a very interesting section of the volume.

We note with pleasure that our own little Foreword is considered worthy of quotation.

He selects the following from Montana of 1925 and adds his comment:

That Grand Master Bell is not in sympathy with the De Molay and Kindred Organizations, the following affords ample evidence:

Who, in this state, gave permission to take unto the Fraternity a kindergarten? It is a kindergarten, pure and simple. The boys in the De Molay are given to understand that when they become of age, they should apply to the so-called Blue Lodge for admission. These boys even refer to themselves as junior Masons, and some sponsors do not know any better than to allow such talk. Have we lost all respect for certain Landmarks of Masonry? Does Masonry have to solicit for members?

Although, so far, we are not bothered in this Jurisdiction with the DeMolay and Kindred Organizations, unless the order of the Eastern Star comes under the above reading, we are convinced that there is a good deal of Masonic Spirit and sound reason in what Bro. Bell has so aptly said.

He takes a sip from the stirrup cup of North Carolina in the following words:

"Here, then, my brethren, is my prescription for Masonic indifference: Take equal parts of accurate, impressively delivered ritual and Masonic study, mix with a liberal quantity of brotherly love and tolerance in the realm of opinion, and clean living and genuine interest in the poor and unfortunate, and take in unlimited doses."

He agrees with Washington in condemning so-called businesses advertised "for Masons only".

His review is alive and has the personal equation.

Arthur James Davis, Halifax, Grand Master.

James Clarence Jones, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

OHIO

M.W. Bro. James B. Ruhl, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication was held in Columbus, October 21st, 1925.

The invocation offered by Grand Chaplain McMaster was striking.

The address of welcome greetings to Columbus and the reply show that the saving grace of humor is a large factor in the enjoyment of our Ohio brethren:

I want to give you the experience of one of our citizens in this day when we have the thumb-shooters on the highways, and so many of us are so willing to give people a lift. He picked up a man, a young man, and as he drove through the country toward this city, he put his fingers in his pocket for his watch and it was gone. Then he commenced to take an inventory and he remembered that he had a gun in the pocket of his car. So he got his car under control and slowed it down, and finally jammed on the brakes and stuck the revolver in the man's ribs and said, "Turn over that watch and chain." Which he did! He said, "Open the door," which he did! "Now," he said, "Get the Hallelujah out of here," which he did.

When he got home and was sitting down to his evening meal, his wife said to him, "Henry, you certainly are getting awfully careless here lately. You left your watch and chain in the bathroom this morning."

Columbus has an abundance of 100 per cent. pure water. I do not know of a Mason in Columbus that has anything a key would get.

We have a Workhouse that is so far overcrowded that we do not need you there. We cannot take care of our own.

From the reply by the President of Mount Vernon College we cull the following:

We believe that Providence had a lot to do with the making of Ohio. There was a providential hand that threw the golden Ohio River down around our southern border, and his hand, through the age-long geological processes, scooped our Lake Erie and separated us from Canada.

Mixed us up? When you find a man with a Scotch-Irish name if you inquire the maiden name of his wife, it will usually be a

Pennsylvania German name; or if you find a Pennsylvania German name in the man, you will find that he is likely married to a Scotch-Irish woman.

Look where the State of Ohio is, you will find Ohio is located just where Uncle Sam's heart is. And if you will look at the shape of the State of Ohio, you will it is the shape of a heart.

A record number of Past Grand Masters, 23 in all, does honor alike to themselves and to the Craft in this great presidential State.

The Grand Master says in the course of his comprehensive address.

We do not speak boastfully of our continued prosperity, but with pardonable pride, for we feel that in all the years it has been deserved. We would not glory, for we know from the prophet (Jeremiah 9: 23-24)—“Thus said the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.”

“At seventy-five the hills are seeming steeper,
My consciousness of God becoming deeper;
At seventy-five the shadows growing longer,
My faith and trust in Him increasing stronger.
At seventy-five my friends to me are dearer,
I prize them more as parting time draws nearer;
At seventy-five, unfolding wonders nigher,
I follow visions ever onward higher;
For seventy-five I thank Almighty Giver;
And trust in Him for life beyond forever.”

27 cornerstones were laid throughout the year. Would that we in Canada could claim to be founders as well as builders in this sense.

On the occasion of one of the Grand Master's visits the following original Masonic prayer was sung:

“At Thy great Altar free,
We kneel on naked knee.
Our souls protect!
Our hearts to Thee aspire;
Send down Thy holy fire;
Grant every good desire;
Great Architect!
Our Ancient Craft, oh bless,
With Truth and Righteousness,
And Unity!

May every Mason's heart
In Friendship have a part,
And counsel good impart,
In honesty!

Roberts' Ohio Masonic Directory was thus condemned:

It is needless to say this impudent intrusion is without approval or authority and is detrimental to Freemasonry, as well as contrary to its fundamental principles.

The leakage through secretaries and otherwise of information is thus commented upon:

The giving of information or data or negligently permitting it to be done by officers or members of a Subordinate Lodge F. & A.M. of Ohio, from which a Masonic Roster or Directory is to be compiled for commercial purposes, knowing the purpose for which said information or data is to be used, or when facts are apparent from which such use may be inferred, is hereby declared to be in violation of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, contrary to the best interests of the Order, and unmasonic conduct.

What about Lodge Secretaries and the Eastern Star?

Of the Ohio Masonic Home he says:

The making of citizens and the care of the aged are two duties imposed upon all of us. In addition to being duties, however participation in either one of these things should be considered a great privilege.

We, as Masons, can not escape the duty of bringing up the children of our less fortunate members to be good citizens of this great Nation. Neither can we escape the duty of providing for the declining years of our less fortunate Brethren and their wives or widows. Should we be able to escape the duty of doing this, I am sure that none of us are so calloused but that we consider it a great privilege to have these opportunities.

Following the reading of the Grand Master's Report on the Masonic Home, One Hundred children from the Home were introduced to the Grand Lodge and gave a short musical program.

There are 601 lodges under charter and 5 U.D. in Ohio with a membership of 193,461, The Grand Master epitomizes what the world knows or should know about the Craft:

It knows that on every Masonic Altar there is found the open Bible, that we believe in the God therein revealed.

It knows that we are filled with love of country and devotion to the flag of our Nation; while it is not given to all men to bear arms in the Nation's defense.

It knows that we are loyal to neighbor, and that our neighbor is every one with whom we come in contact—not the Mason only, but all mankind.

It knows further that when under the influence of our Fraternity, we are true to ourselves—and that in our walks among men we concur with the poet—"To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day thou can'st not then be false to any man."

These are the criteria by which the world has come to know Masons and has learned it not from secrets exposed, but from the exemplification of our principles in the daily lives of our brethren.

The Grand Secretary presents a very clear and able address altogether out of the ordinary as the following quotation will show:

We have a right to demand the most exemplary conduct on the part of our members, because Masonry presumes to take good men and make them better. Masonry must necessarily be severe in its discipline if it expects to persist in maintaining the high character of its teachings. There should be a firm and unequivocal declaration on the part of this Grand Lodge that it will not regard indifferently an action of a lodge that does not foster and preserve the principles of our Institutions, and that it will be intolerant of that which brings reproach and shame. The reaction against such conduct should be an awakening consciousness of the peril just ahead, and may it arouse us into action ere disaster overtake us.

"The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence did not change their attitude with regard to Mexico, that is, they adhere to the York Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Veterans' Association is a prosperous Order and does good work.

R.W. Bro. George Moore of Hamilton, is the Grand Representative of Ohio.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is the sixth prepared by M.W. Bro. O. P. Sperra, P.G.M., and it is very satisfying. It is preceded by this verse:

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle, replied,
That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one,
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in, with the trace of a grin
On his face; if he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done—and he did it.

Of Grand Master Drope's address our confrère says:

His Annual Address consisted almost wholly of his official doings, with kindly admonition and suggestion.

He attended the Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, and speaks at length of his experience on this occasion and of the courtesies extended.

Interesting and instructive passages from the report on the Condition of Masonry are cited, and of our Foreign Correspondence Review our colleague kindly gives this word of encouragement:

P.G.M. Ponton, a strong writer and speaker, writes the Report on Correspondence. His report is worthy of more favorable comment than our limited space will allow. Ohio for 1923 is given extended analysis, and he quotes freely from the Address of our Grand Master, and he seems to be favorably impressed with the work of the writer. We give our Ohio brethren an opportunity to read the pleasing conclusion to his report.

Our little journeys to the Homes of men of good will, the world over, are now happily ended (as happily begun) for another year, and the good ships—good fellowship, and good comradeship are riding buoyantly at anchor in the home port.

Under England he says:

The Board of Benevolence is another strong working organization of this Grand Jurisdiction, and is industrious in its charitable duties. We feel that the most important item reported is that of Sir Alfred Robbins in telling of his mission to the United States of America. We therefore make two excerpts from his report that we feel to be of more than ordinary interest.

M.W. Bro. Sperra thus concludes his able review:

Tired, but favorably impressed, our work of the year's review is completed. We find generally that a spirit of desirable progress prevails in most of the Grand Jurisdictions. Earnest fraternalism among the members of the Craft is more apparent and the depth of honest friendship more pronounced. All this leads us to say:

“When my brothers speak a word of praise
My wavering will to aid,
I ask if ever their long, long ways
My words have brighter made.
And to my heart I bring again
This eager, earnest plea:
Make me a friend to as many men
As are good staunch friends to me.

The next meeting of Grand Lodge will be held at Cincinnati October 20th, 1926.

Earle Stewart, Ironton, M.W. Grand Master.

Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati, M.W. Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA

Henry J. Johnston, M.W. Grand Master.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Mosque at Tulsa, February 24, 1925. No less than 15 Past Grand Masters of this, one of the new Jurisdictions, were present in the East.

Grand Orator Sexson made a fine speech of presentation at the opening, from which we take the following sentences:

As I think of you, I shall think of you as the Grand Master of Vision, the Grand Master that has in his heart a love for the Beautiful. I believe that you can look out upon this magnificent building, the beauty of it, and see in that beauty more than others might see, because God has given you a love for the Beautiful. He has not only given you that love, but he has inspired your heart and your tongue to frame such words as will fit into that beautiful vision of yours.

This beautiful apron, a symbol of attainment, a symbol of labor, a symbol of labor performed, a symbol of labor yet to be performed.

That apron with the adornments and the ornamentations of service indicates that same pure conception plus the attainment of knowledge, plus the mastery of the seven liberal arts and sciences, plus the mastery of the five human senses and their due control, and the pursuit of knowledge until we attain more and more the real merits of Masonry.

The Grand Master made a thoughtful and most unusual address beginning with the following sentences:

Twelve heavenly constellations have passed and again we stand at the anniversary milestone. Again the iron tongue of time tolls the passing hour—Eternity has claimed twelve months of life's short span.

I felt that my promotion to the "Oriental Chair" was a summons of the Craft—a command of the brethren—to conscientiously and faithfully study the several arts, parts and points of the hidden

mysteries of Freemasonry, and to endeavor to read aright and interpret to the workmen the designs on the trestleboard.

He spoke much of the Origin of Masonry but we have only space for the following extracts:

Fundamentally, the universe is bound by inexorable laws. This applies to the race of men and to each individual man as a constituent unit of the human family.

Man is both free and bound. Man is given free will, but with certain reservations and limitations.

God is the Master Designer, the Grand Architect of every age, of every civilization, of every people, of every art. We as craftsmen are set to do His deep designs—not always understanding, but abiding by the rule and guide laid down before us.

Masons—Apostles of Light; Children of the Dawn; Face the East. For God said "Let there be light". God the Preserver had kindled the fire on these two holy altars, erected to Him and dedicated to the service of humanity.

He comments on many matters of moment, among them the Boy Scout movement, the Order of the Eastern Star, Education and the Masonic Press. He gives great praise to the Masonic Service Association and to the "Master Mason" and says:

The greatest thing conceived or done by the Masonic Service Association was to make Masonic instruction, Masonic principles, Masonic inspiration and Masonic history, available and accessible to a large number of lecturers by placing the same in moving picture films, and in print in bulletins, books, pamphlets, leaflets, brochures and other messages. In ancient times knights errant rode, mailed and accoutered, on high bred saddle horses, from castle to castle, attending tournaments, redressing wrongs and correcting abuses wherever they went. Today, our Masonic Service carries the message of Masonry to Masonic halls, temples and gathering places of our brethren, serving a similar purpose.

A very striking address was given by Past Grand Master Judge Eagleton, who among other arresting statements spoke as follows:

I am a Trial Judge, brethren. I am sending persons to the penitentiary almost every day in every week, and I want to tell you that from fifty to seventy-five per cent. of those whom I sentence to the penitentiary, are boys and girls under twenty-one years of age. Do you catch the force of it? Here is the coming generation that is to step in and take our places later on, and yet this crime wave among children is so fearfully extended that it must cause you and me to call a halt and find out, if we can, what the matter is and try to remedy it. I want to tell you the duty of Masons today is clear. The field is

white unto the harvest. Workers are few, but if the Masonic fraternity, three and a half million strong in the United States, would get together a desire, an intensified earnest love for Masonry, and cast the right influence, I want to tell you it wouldn't be very long until we would have a complete revolution along the lines of civic moral righteousness in this country. You and I are responsible largely for this condition and we want to realize that.

Oklahoma appears to abound in speakers of originality. This one, Dr. De Barr appears to have developed ultra-Americanism to the tenth degree. Among other things he says:

If you knew the influences that were at work throughout this State and other states, to make us un-American, you would hang your heads for the little part you played in it. I lived many years afraid to speak my mind because I was in a public place, school teachers and preachers have no business to give advice except on religious matters, and I have concluded I am not going to live under that little spirit in my life. I was born an American boy, I was reared by an American Father and Mother, I lived with American brothers and sisters and with American companions, and, please God, I will die an American citizen. If you have the pure strain of American citizenship in the boyhood and girlhood of this country, the damnable influences of evil of polluting the American streams cannot take place.

The following in connection with our discussion of Mexico may enlighten. It is from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

We, your Committee, have also had under very serious consideration the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and are unanimously of the opinion that our recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico a few years ago was inadvertently done and without proper consideration, as our investigation convinces us that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is the Grand Lodge in that country that should be recognized by this Grand Body.

M.W. Bro. Johnston speaking as Past Grand Master said:

I thank you for this token of esteem and affection and for the confidence and the consideration we have one for another, and in the communion of heart, in the companionship of kindred souls, in that binding together, that cementing and sealing, that molecular union of forces which is non-separable, let us realize that by an endless chain of evangelization men and women will be brought to the realization that relationship with God is personal.

The Committee on Correspondence is Thomas Chauncey Humphry, whose firm and experienced features adorn the title page. In his foreword he says:

The Grand Secretaries are recognized and known to be the power behind the throne and the Review Writers are, of course, the salt of the earth as well as of Masonry.

We opine that the Foreign Correspondents will admit that they are the great ITS, and will not require evidence to prove it.

He reviews favourably Canada, Providence (sic) of Ontario for 1924 and is particularly pleased with R.W. Bro. Shanks' Report on the Condition of Masonry, from which he quotes:

Masonry does not search for the differences about which men quarrel, and which lead to hatred and violence; it cultivates those essential points of agreement which bring men together on a common platform of mutual amity and helpfulness.

He says of our annual Review, of which he approves and from which he quotes largely:

The Review Report was written by different members. It covered near 300 pages and is by far the most interesting feature of the printed journal. It is a review of sixty-two Grand Lodge proceedings.

From Colorado he choses this paragraph:

The true optimist is he who knows he can weather the storm because he has prepared for it. He tears away the debris and puts his foundation on the solid rock. He recognizes dangerous tendencies and takes measures to eradicate them. He is the man who can look to the future with hope and cheerfulness because he has prepared for it in the past.

A word of admonition he selects from Michigan:

The address of the Grand Master shows that some of the constituent lodges have been too gay, holding fairs, circuses, and raffling off automobiles, and the Grand Master called attention to the violation of Masonry.

Wisconsin gives him for quotation and comment:

Under the caption of Corporate Rights, the Grand Master mentioned the colored Masons making an effort to be incorporated in the name of "St. Andrews Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, Colored."

As the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State has been chartered, the effort of the Colored petitioners was rejected. The Grand Master said on this subject:

No charter was granted. The question presented does not involve the status of persons of color, who claim to be Masons, as regular, irregular, or clandestine. Only the right of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of

Wisconsin to insist that any charter and corporate rights granted under the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin shall only be to corporations whose name shall be such as to distinguish it from our own.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin puts its pedal extremity down on the Smarties wanting to have their club called the Masonic Club.

M.W. Gilbert B. Bristow, Roosevelt, Grand Master.

M.W. William M. Anderson, Guthrie, Grand Secretary.

OREGON

M.W. Oliver Perry Coshaw, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's biography and picture open the Proceedings. He is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon and of him it is well said:

At the peak of a busy and useful career he exhibits that well rounded character so often sought and so seldom found by men.

A true Christian gentleman, his life is an open book, the reading of which imprints upon the mind the cardinal virtues and tenets of Masonry, well exemplified.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication was held at Portland, June 10th, 1925, and there were fourteen occasional Grand Lodges, all presided over by the Grand Master for dedications, corner-stones and conducting the burial services of a Past Grand Master, a fine custom now universally observed when a Grand Ruler passes.

The Grand Master delivered an interesting address which the following quotations will illustrate:

It is certain that our refusal to sanction dual membership has no force beyond our jurisdiction. I believe that no harm would follow, and much good could be accomplished by permitting Masons of this Grand jurisdiction to become "Joining Members".

The committee on instruction is accomplishing a great work for the craft. The results of its work have been manifest in the number of brethren who have studied under its direction and passed the examination entitling them to a certificate of merit.

The educational fund now amounts to over \$216,000. It has to this time been sufficient to enable the trustees to give the required aid to keep the orphan children of Master Masons of this jurisdiction in the public schools.

The exercise of the ballot has always been, and doubtless always will continue to be a source of irritation. Most of the trouble has arisen as a result of inadequate investigation on the part of committees on investigation.

No brother who is a Mason at heart will exercise his right to cast a cube because of some personal objection to the applicant. Every brother possessing the attributes of a Mason will always exercise his right to ballot for the good of the order. He will not use it to vent his spite either upon the applicant or his friends within the lodge. Having this principle always in mind, the good of the order requires that no brother should ever be accused of improperly using a cube. Our confidence in our brethren should impel us to always presume that the brother casting a cube is exercising his best judgment to protect the order from improper material. Until convincing evidence is adduced to the contrary it is our duty to resolve every doubt in favor of the good faith of our brethren. This is hard to do.

As to the Home system doing justice to all, he says:

It may be that it is more expensive to render the proper assistance to those having a just demand upon our lodges, to maintain them in a home, than to provide for their wants separately, but it has been demonstrated that such are much better cared for in a home devoted exclusively to that purpose, where they all receive the same attention and treatment, than to leave the care of such to the individual lodges. In the latter case too often those deserving our attention are neglected. Some are cared for properly, others very indifferently. No two, unless they belong to the same lodge, receive the same care or treatment. For that reason by far a large majority of our sister jurisdictions maintain homes where everyone having a just demand upon our lodges will receive both equal and proper consideration.

Grand Orator Beekman also delivered a stirring address with thoughts that breathe:

Masonry, indeed, demands much of its initiates but it gives many fold in return. It offers in abundance the joys and pleasures of friendship, fellowship and fraternity. It spreads before its votaries a table richly furnished with philosophic wisdom and moral admonition.

As to the G.M. urging Oregon Masons to "vote, vote as you please, but vote" at the ensuing election it was in my opinion the act not only of a conscientious citizen but also of an understanding Mason. The exercise of the right of suffrage is a privilege of citizenship; it is likewise a duty of citizenship. The failure, in recent years, of so many American citizens to perform that duty is a source of discouragement and apprehension. This is particularly true of the neglect, in this respect, of the more intelligent class of citizens.

19 Past Grand Masters linked up the past and present.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond, but

the Grand Representative of Oregon near Manitoba, Bro. J. James Henderson was received with grand honors and in his reply gave a fine unifying speech:

Up in British Columbia we have a great glacier known as the Mother of Rivers. There are three great rivers that rise there, the Athabaska flowing northwest, the Saskatchewan flowing east, that reaches the Atlantic through Hudson Bay, and the Columbia flowing south and west to the Pacific. I think of the Columbia when I come here, the blessing it brings to the people of British Columbia. But does it stop at the boundary? No. If it did it would cease to be a mighty river and become instead a stagnant pool; but it flows across the boundary bringing with it a blessing to all, watering your fields, driving your industries and carrying your commerce. And, brethren, it is the same with Masonry. If Masonry stopped at the boundary it would cease to be Masonry, and I feel sure I am saying what is right when I say that the brotherly love of the Masons of the North flows South to you and with it carries our blessing just as the Columbia does, and so does the brotherly love of the Masons to the South also flow across the boundary to the North; and we can celebrate one hundred years of peace with a boundary line stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, one hundred years of peace without break. And there never will be, brothers. (Loud applause).

The Committee on Necrology made a philosophically theological report which cannot be cut up into paragraphs but is worthy of the study of Masonic students. Would there were more of them!

The Employment Bureau is an active factor in co-operative work, having filled during the year no less than 1,930 positions of a total of 2,035 applicants. This is real fellowcraft work.

8,000 visitors inspected the Masonic Home during the year.

A Holy Bible will be presented to each Master Mason when raised hereafter in Oregon.

The first ground was broken on the site of Portland's new Masonic Temple and the Grand Master gave a fine oration on "The Builders of Temples" from which we must beg space for a few paragraphs:

How natural then that we have speculative Masonry. It is the natural offspring of those guilds whose members were the architects and builders of temples. Those magnificent structures were more than stone and cement. They were the concrete expressions of spiritual concepts. They were their aspirations crystallized into beautiful forms of enduring structures. Their ideals were thus

transformed into a language easily known and read by all men in all ages.

We indulge the fond hope that it will be a place for the concourse of good men.

We aspire to having this building to be a place where the Supreme Architect of the Universe will be worshiped "in spirit and in truth."

Here are bricks and there is mortar for ye, build—

Build houses, castles, sanctuaries, and idols for your joy.

There is colour, and there is gold for ye to gild

Your palaces, your statuary; and Time will all destroy.

Here is truth, and there is wisdom for ye, build—

Build kindness, virtue, charity, and for such works you may

Depend that there is much space which may be filled

With greater, stronger monuments than time can wash away.

P.G.M. McKenzie of Michigan said in acknowledging greeting, as to pointing the way to walk therein:

One time some few years ago as a man was travelling through the State of New York he met a young man and was trying to find the direction to a town. He asked him where this town was, and the young man said, "I don't know where it is, but this is the road that leads to it." If anyone asks us about a Masonic Temple we do not want to say we know nothing about it, but there is where they meet.

A visitation Committee was officially sent to visit what on their return was described as a "galaxy of blazing stars" never before seen in one congregation, referring of course to the Eastern Star who co-operate in their Home work.

Oregon is represented by R.W. Bro. Kenneth J. Dunstan Grand Z. of our Grand Chapter, and Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. Donald McKay of Portland.

Oregon like some other Grand Jurisdictions, is now publishing their Correspondence Review in a separate volume as large as the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. David P. Mason, P.G.M., is the capable, friendly and experienced reviewer. In his introduction he touches on points of vital interest:

In submitting our annual report on foreign correspondence, we would call attention to a few phases of Masonic thought and life which are apparent in most jurisdictions.

Education takes first place, perhaps; Masonic education among the members of our great fraternity, and general education for deserving young people.

A few, strong jurisdictions plan their own Masonic educational facilities, but most jurisdictions are glad to avail themselves of the Masonic Service Association plan.

All feel that the letter of the ritual is not enough, that the study of Masonic ritual and philosophy applied to present-day living, is necessary.

Then the thought of a Mason's obligations to keep the laws of his country, is emphasized by many Masonic leaders.

Secretary Hughes has recently said: "Every one is ready to sustain the law he likes; that is not in the proper sense respect for law and order. The test of respect for law, is when the law is upheld even when it hurts." Abraham Lincoln said: "Let every man remember that he who violates the law tramps on the blood of the fathers and tears asunder the charter of his own and his children's liberty."

He feels that universal Masonry can be a world-power for peace.

Under Delaware's review we find the following:

It is the privilege of every member of this body to express his views. In doing this, let us ascribe to every brother as high a motive as we claim for ourselves. Let us look to the Supreme Architect for guidance.

Referring to the death of nine members of the Grand Lodge in the year, the Grand Master counseled his hearers in the serene courageous words of Bryant's "Thanatopsis":

So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves. . .
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

New Hampshire gives him this matter:

It is glorious to be a part of it. We have the right, more so than our ancestors, to be proud of our Freemasonry. As we do and as we give, so shall we deserve to live.

He notes the fact that our funds aggregate more than three-quarters of a million dollars and says Oregon is great in every thing she touches. He does not understand the title of Most Reverend given to our Grand Chaplain. Most Reverend is a natural degree to bestow on a Chaplain.

Canada for 1924 is well reviewed. He reprints the Mayor's address of welcome, emphasizing it as that by a Worshipful Master and its summary of Craft excellences:

Its influence in the home is for good. .

Its influence in the everyday life of the community is for good.

Its influence in the relations between nations is for good, overstepping national boundaries and reminding peoples of different states that they are brothers.

Referring to the meeting of the English, American and Canadian Bar Associations he reminds us that their own Past Grand Master Wolverton also attended the meeting to represent Oregon. There it was our privilege to meet him.

From Grand Master Drope's address he takes the following:

There are elderly Masons and Masonic orphans who need homes. The Grand Master suggested that prosperous lodges act as foster parents to these orphans.

He also urged reading rooms and libraries, in connection with Masonic quarters, and recommended the reading of foreign correspondence reports, as a means of Masonic education.

In the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, he voices such a fine spirit, we cannot resist quoting him:

Let us in the meantime keep our temper, preserve our faith, cultivate the habit of smiling and give up the habit of despairing.

I am glad that our review of Oregon pleased him. He says:

Brother Ponton closes his report in an original and attractive manner.

M.W. Bro. Major's address under Manitoba impressed him as it impressed us and he puts this paragraph before his readers as we do before ours:

The thought of the power of united Masonry is brought out in this paragraph:

These jurisdictions are scattered over the whole of the civilized portion of the globe, practising the same ceremonies, teaching the same ideals, laboring for the cause of humanity with peace as the mission and brotherhood as the method. Every Grand Jurisdiction, therefore, should always have before it the question of strengthening and broadening and deepening the bonds of friendship and fraternal relations between national and foreign Grand bodies; ever seeking to bring the craft into closer fellowship and co-operation, in order that our fundamentals may forever be preserved and our influence strengthened and fortified by co-ordinated effort.

Quebec as usual caught the reviewer's eye and he says:

The Grand Master spoke with convincing earnestness of the im-

portance of Masonic study and consequent deeper knowledge of Masonry; and of the need of Masonic charity in a material and also a mental and spiritual interpretation.

He concludes his review of Saskatchewan with this verse, the authorship of which has not yet been definitely decided:

A king can make a gartered knight,
And breathe away another:
But he, with all his skill and might,
Can never make a brother.
This power alone, thou Mystic art,
Freemasonry is thine;
The power to take the savage heart,
With brother-love sublime.

Percy R. Kelly, Albany, Grand Master.

D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA

Samuel M. Goodyear, M.W. Grand Master.

A fine steel engraving of this pioneer of Masonic Temples, and even that soon to be replaced by a more stately and superb edifice, opens the volume.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held March 4, 1925; the Committee on Appeals reporting as follows in a specific case, the law however being applicable to all:

The charges made were of a grave and substantial character. Under such circumstances it must not be overlooked that there are three parties in interest—the accuser, the accused, and the Fraternity. It is of equal importance that the Fraternity be protected so that the accused shall not be unjustly subjected to a trial.

Lodge No.—was directed to immediately appoint a committee to try said charges; that the accuser be afforded an opportunity to amend the charges; that the Trial Committee notify the D.D.G.M. of the time and place of its meetings, and that the D.D.G.M. be requested to attend such meetings, to the end that the trial may be conducted with impartial fairness to the accuser, the accused and the Fraternity.

In another case the Committee report as follows:

The appellant again appeared before your Committee, and again did not deny his disobedience and breach of Masonic obli-

gation. He again refused to answer the questions put to him by the Committee in regard to his membership, in one of the organizations mentioned in the Edict of June 1, 1921, saying that that was his private secret, and that this Grand Lodge had no right or business to inquire into it. He was abusive in his language of the lodge, the Trial Committee, and the Fraternity in general.

His expulsion was confirmed.

Membership 199,801. Net increase 6,202.

A eulogy on the late Brother Hutchins closes with this prayer:

The face of God transforming him more and more into Himself. So God rest his body where it lies—and bless his soul in Paradise.

Quarterly Communication was held June 3rd, 1925.

The widow of the late M.W. Bro. John S. Sell (who was the first to welcome this reviewer to Philadelphia) generously donated the splendid gift of \$100,000 to the Masonic Homes to erect a chapel at Elizabethtown in connection with the pride of Pennsylvania, and a further sum of \$25,000 hereafter to be expended in equipping and furnishing the building for religious services, to be called the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel. The following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That this munificent benefaction be accepted; the provisions of the deed of gift faithfully executed; and the thanks of this Grand Lodge tendered to Mrs. Kate E. Sell, with the hope that the God of love will ever have her in His keeping.

Quarterly Communication was held September 2, 1925.

The three following charges were made against a Fellow Craft:

Alleging that he was unworthy of advancement because:

- (a) "He is not under the tongue of good Masonic report."
- (b) "He does not pay his honest debts."
- (c) "He is untruthful."

These charges were presented at a meeting of the lodge and a Trial Committee appointed.

The ruling of M.W. Bro. Guthrie was quoted and acted on with the following result:

It is required that "all of the proceedings in the trial of such charges must be in a lodge *of the degree to which the accused member has attained*.

Under these circumstances your Committee on Appeals feels bound by the decisions of this Grand Lodge that a brother cannot be tried for offenses committed by him whilst he was a profane.

A Digest of Decisions revised and completed by P.G. M. Beitler, to whom this reviewer is indebted for many courtesies, was presented to Grand Lodge, and Bro. Beitler received their thanks, sharing his honour and acknowledging the happy, hearty and wholesome co-operation of the Committee on Landmarks.

Two other bequests for the Masonic Homes of substantial amounts were reported.

The Grand Master had sent a cable to the Grand Lodge of England on the occasion of the great banquet of 8,000 Masons who pledged themselves to the erection of the London Temple of Peace for Fallen Heroes and Grand Lodge now approved the gift of \$1,000 and of the following graceful letter sent to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught by Grand Master Goodyear:

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, your first-born on the Western Hemisphere sends loyal and loving greeting.

The Brethren in Pennsylvania are profoundly conscious of the debt of gratitude Freemasons everywhere owe to the Mother Grand Lodge. They are deeply impressed with the great and lasting service you have rendered to the civilized world, and are strongly convinced that the translation of these ideals into individual and national life are the best guarantees of peace on earth and good will toward men.

The high motive which impels you to honor your fallen heroes strikes a responsive chord in the breast of every Mason in Pennsylvania, as it does no doubt everywhere. Therefore, it is our strong desire to be permitted to be a small factor in your splendid Masonic Peace Memorial.

As an expression of that desire and as a token of our sympathy in your wonderful endeavor, may we ask that you do us the high honor of accepting from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the enclosed check for one thousand dollars?

The Temple you are to build will be more than a memorial to your departed heroes:—it will be an inspiration to the living as well. It will do much to emphasize the great outstanding fact

that Masons are builders—not only of Temples made with hands, but builders of character as well.

We wish you God speed.

Quarterly Communication was held December 2nd, 1925, when the new Grand Master R.W. Bro. William M. Hamilton and his official family were duly elected.

With regard to the new Temple proposed to be erected, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to select a suitable location as a site for the erection of a new Masonic Temple, and purchase said site on behalf of the Grand Lodge at such price and on such terms as in the judgment of said Grand Officers they may deem proper, and for the best interests of the Grand Lodge.

The receipts of Grand Lodge amount to the enormous sum of \$1,642,438. There must be the spirit to give and share in this great Jurisdiction.

637 volumes were added to the library.

The Committee on Masonic Homes report:

No feature of our great institution so beautifully typifies the real spirit of Masonry as does the work of our Homes, where we translate Masonic charity in terms of living figures in our endeavor to protect and defend the weak and the helpless. This is indeed the great life-giving purpose of our splendid Fraternity, and it should be a matter of great rejoicing to the two hundred thousand Masons in Pennsylvania, that our haven of refuge for both the young and old is a real Home in all that the precious word implies.

The Committee on the Lecture Corps of the State say with other good recommendations:

One need becoming more and more evident is that of a brief, elementary work on Masonic History, Symbolism, Morals and Philosophy, and Jurisprudence, a work prepared under the direction of the Grand Lodge, and authorized by it, to be presented each brother raised.

To absent Past Grand Master Orlady the following telegram was sent:

The years multiply and your activities, like ours, will naturally cease, but the good you have done and are doing finds lodgement in the hearts of a grateful brotherhood, whose prayers for your health and happiness constantly ascend.

A Grand Lodge of Emergency was held December

19th, 1925, and was a unique occasion, the object being thus expressed and the three Degrees being conferred in ample but short form:

Article XII, Section 3, Ahiman Rezon. "The purpose of this meeting is to exercise the prerogatives of the Grand Master in making a Mason at sight. The gentleman upon whom that honor will be bestowed, is known perhaps to all of you in the person of United States Senator George Wharton Pepper."

The Annual Grand Communication was held December 28th, 1925.

From the address of Grand Master Goodyear we take the following pregnant words:

From a small beginning in 1730, like the tiny acorn, we have grown until today our Fraternity stands in all the splendor of an acknowledged monarch, deep rooted in the historic soil of our Commonwealth, with its branches reaching out and touching the remotest corners.

Proud of the splendid history and the equally splendid work accomplished during its almost two centuries of active and zealous endeavor, but prouder still of the fact that we have kept faith with those pioneers who laid for us the foundations of Masonry in Pennsylvania, as well as those who have followed in their footsteps, in adhering strictly to the fundamentals of Masonry and its Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks, we turn to register on Clio's scroll the record of the passing year.

In my address of a year ago the attention of Grand Lodge was called to the many outside organizations formed within the Jurisdiction and predicated upon Masonry as a necessary qualification to membership, together with the consequent problems attending this situation.

Without in any wise reflecting upon organizations of this character now in the field, I am clearly of the opinion the time has come to halt further development along these lines. It is my thought that the time is ripe for the enactment of regulatory measures that will deny to members the right to accept membership in any outside organizations, predicated its membership on Masonry.

As to chain prayers he calls them a "relic of the dark ages" and a "misguided practice".

Of Athletics he says:

All forms of clean athletic sports are to be admired and in the proper time and place deserve to be encouraged. It would seem, however, that as a nation we are running wild on the subject with the result that they are finding their way into our lodges.

All in all I can see no good resulting from such forms of amusement, nor the necessity of connecting the name of our Fraternity therewith. I have, therefore, decided that such organizations are clearly contrary to past decisions and must be strictly forbidden.

Of the Masonic Homes he gives us this glimpse:

The interest manifested in the Homes by members of the Fraternity and their friends is attested by the fact that during the year visitors to the number of 34,186 registered their presence. Many lodges, as well as groups of lodges, make an annual pilgrimage to the Homes. May their number grow.

The Endowment Fund for the Homes shows a creditable increase for the year.

Of so-called Masonic Insurance Agencies he says vigorously:

It is not a difficult matter to presume on the Masonic relationship especially when dealing with the newly initiate. Indeed so thoroughly do some of these agents prosecute their work that they do not wait until the petitioner has been approved but enroll him as a policy holder at once, with the assurance that in the event his petition for initiation and membership is not approved, his money paid for the insurance policy will be refunded.

It would be illuminating to know by what method any insurance agent is given the names of prospective members of our Fraternity, and I regret that this whole subject came to light so very recently as to preclude the possibility of a searching investigation being made.

Historically he thus refers to their present "house beautiful":

The present Temple was dedicated in 1873 at which time our entire membership was but 37,546, with sixty-two lodges being located in Philadelphia. Today our membership is a little over 200,000 with eighty-two lodges meeting in this Temple. Many of our lodges are entirely too large.

One of his rulings is as follows:

After a full and complete investigation it was conclusively shown that the petitioner was not at the time of presenting his petition for initiation and membership under the tongue of good Masonic report.

Recommenders and Committee of Inquiry will attend, and we will admonish the lodge in no uncertain terms that the future dignity and standard of the Fraternity is wholly dependent upon the character of petitioners admitted, and that objections are at all times to be thoroughly investigated before a ballot is had.

Another brother having committed a serious Masonic offence, was requested to resign under the threat that

if he did not do so charges would be preferred and the brother expelled. The Grand Master did not concur and directed charges to be preferred.

We take one sentence of his eloquent conclusion:

Let us resolve, as never before, to be loyal to the teachings of our great Fraternity and remember that just in proportion to our knowledge and practice of Masonry, will we be examples of its virtues, manifesting in our daily living a right relationship toward all things that tend to the building up of a healthy home life, a generous support of the church of our choice and an abiding faith in our Government in its every endeavor to uphold and maintain constituted law and authority.

R.W. Bro. Goodyear is well and favourably remembered by many Canadian friends, when on his visit to Toronto he left a deep and lasting impression.

The new Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Hamilton addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

No greater responsibility can be placed upon a member of the lodge, than a careful scrutiny of the fitness of those who knock at our doors for admittance. The Recommenders are *both* to know the petitioner. This knowledge should be close, personal, intimate. They should both know, beyond a question of doubt, that he is a man above reproach; that he is one with whom they are, themselves, glad to associate, and to recommend to the association of their brethren, and whom they can and do introduce, without hesitation or doubt, into their own homes. Nor should the second recommender depend on the statements of the first. His responsibility is great.

Of other Orders he said:-

But good or otherwise, their members are, first of all, Freemasons. They are everywhere known as such. The so-called connection of their associations with Masonry is carefully cultivated and is given wide publicity, and their acts are considered as the acts of Masons. If their purpose is good and of a Masonic character, their functions can better be performed by the lodge, and if not, they should be repressed. In either case, there is no reason for their existence as appendages to Masonry.

The Committee on Correspondence is headed by R.W. Bro. Thomas F. Penman, who has four actively co-operative colleagues, Brothers Smith, Cunningham, Patterson and Fisher, who reported that the Grand-Lodge maintains Masonic communication and intercourse with 69 Grand Lodge Jurisdictions.

In large type under Arkansas the following is emphasized with irony:

Grand Master Harris was of the opinion that the Home did not meet the full measure of its requirements, in that it did not have sufficient land and farm equipment to provide the necessary food-stuffs for the consumption of the Home, and with which the boys might be instructed in the art of agriculture by a practical farmer. He further believed that the girls should be taught domestic science, home economics, etc., "teaching them how to earn a livelihood when they retire from the Home, and better preparing them to make good wives and mothers, etc." He recommended that Grand Lodge take measures to accomplish these things, but so far as we can discover from the record, no attention was paid to his suggestions. Of course not; such old-fashioned notions belong to antiquity; in these golden days boys and girls decline to be brought up and educated that way; and nobody expects them to be! The dirt farmer and the girl with the dish-rag, the frying pan and the needle are relics of by-gone days! Nor can Masonic Homes change the trend of modern social tendencies; so why bother our heads about it! The flapper, the bobbed head, the scanty skirt, the rainbow face and the cigarette are here with the punch; what are you going to do about it? Hurrah for American youth; and get out of the way!

Otherwise, the aforesaid Grand Master was sane and normal, and managed the affairs of Grand Lodge with skill.

Grand Master Drope's annual address under Canada, 1925, is commended in the following words:

Grand Master W. J. Drope presented an able report of his administration. Among other subjects treated by him one concerned a tendency in the lodges to ignore Masonic offenses, even of gross criminal nature. In one instance, unwillingness to administer penal justice was so pronounced that he took the case into his own hands and suspended the offending member. It seems to be a reflex of present-day social conditions; crime is more or less rampant and the guardians of the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth are dealing with it with gloved hands; Justice seems to be hopelessly and incurably blind. There are entirely too many Masons who appear to believe that Masonry is intended to help, aid and assist members, of the Craft to evade the penalties of the civil, as well as Masonic law; to thwart justice. They do not realize that Masonry has a reputation to maintain in the good opinion of the public, as an organization subservient and obedient to Civil Government. Dealing with extreme possibilities, should the public at large, or the vast majority of the Craft, get the notion that Masonry is becoming a refuge for criminals, the anti-Masonic movement of a century ago would be but a summer breeze compared with the storm that would sweep over the country. The Grand Master aptly summed up his comments on the subject.

The reviewer also says that he paid his respects to the Ku Klux Klan which had invaded Masonic circles

in Ontario, and to show the attitude of what he deems to be the best Masonic thought in Canada he reproduces the Grand Master's words.

For his personal, friendly, and encouraging recognition of our own review for that year we are appreciatively grateful and to show on what intimate terms Canada and Pennsylvania are we cannot resist reprinting in full:

An exhaustive and able report on Correspondence was presented by Past Grand Master Ponton, written in his usual scholarly style. That he read the Proceedings of Pennsylvanian for 1924 very thoroughly is evidenced by his very extended notice—more than nine pages. Quotations from the reports and addresses of Grand Master Goodyear are frequent and comment favorable. Like so many Reviewers, he was deeply impressed by the frequent and generous gifts to our Masonic Home from members of the Craft. Touching this he said: "Probably no Jurisdiction in the world receives so many bequests for the Masonic Homes as Pennsylvania. The spirit is cultivated year after year and appears to be contagious."

Incidentally, Brother Ponton informs us that one of the kith and kin of his forebears was a Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1831-32—Michael Nisbet. Grand Master Nisbet was a Giant in Masonry of his day. He was not only Grand Master—as above stated—but he was also Grand Secretary from 1840 to 1842, and from 1881 to 1886. Brother Ponton may be glad to find "Mike" Nisbet on his family tree.

Bro. Ponton briefly referred to the failure of the International Masonic Association to get a foot-hold in American Masonry, and, in our judgment, stated the whole situation in this terse paragraph:

"There are two great schools of thought in the Masonic Fraternity!—the Anglo-Saxon and the Latin Schools. Let us all pray and work for good accord, but never forgetting that we are Defenders of the Faith as well as doers of the Word."

Of M.W. Bro. Shatford's address as Grand Master of Quebec our colleagues say:

In his official address we find one of the finest expositions of the "Spirit of Masonry," and an answer to a modern trend to inject the Craft into certain social, political and other public movements, to "tie it to a definite party of reform or seek to secure its support for some needed cause." We are sufficiently impressed with the soundness of his views to here bring it to our readers.

The Committee closes with most interesting statistics giving the Craft population of the United States as 3,088,720, embraced in 16,000 lodges, governed by 49 Grand Lodges and they comment and conclude in these glowing words:

The figures are impressive. They suggest the wonderful possibilities of the influence that may be exerted by more than three million adult, intelligent, right-thinking men, engaged in a common purpose, upon the social life of the Nation; not by direct action through organized movements in politics, religion or commerce, but by the radiation from their individual life and character of the moral culture presumed to have been more thoroughly developed by Masonic contact.

On the other hand, Masonry is credited with motives of constructive patriotism—a conservator of the peace and happiness of society and helpful to the best interests of mankind. Masonry has nothing to fear from the judgment of public opinion. Kept within its legitimate sphere of activity, the limit of its growth and influence is far distant.

William M. Hamilton, Philadelphia, R.W., Grand Master.

John A. Perry, Philadelphia, R.W. Grand Secretary.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Wenceslao Trinidad, M.W. Grand Master.

The membership of this Grand Lodge composed of 96 constituent lodges is 6,788, a gain of 103.

Nine Past Grand Masters expressed their loyalty in the East.

The prayer of invocation by the Grand Chaplain closed in this striking form:

All these things with Thy continued blessing we ask in the name of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Amen.

Grand Lodge met in the Masonic Temple, Manila, 27th January, 1925.

M.W. Rafael Palma made the address of welcome the style of which can be gathered from these excerpts:

We must be especially careful to see that the public does not mistake these organizations for Masonry and lay at our door the blame for their faults and errors. We harbor no ill will nor malice toward any one, not even towards those who look upon Masonry with dislike and contempt. But it is our bounden duty to defend the honor and prestige of our Institution and see that we are judged by our own merits or failings and not by those of others.

Brethren, our most cordial greetings go out to you.

Bro. Fisher was appointed official interpreter, all motions being translated into Spanish or English or vice versa.

Canada was represented by Bro. Quintin Paredes.

Seventy-two Jurisdictions were welcomed by the Grand Master, from whose address we take the following sentences of weight:

I have reference to the associations making use of emblems similar to or closely resembling those of Masonry and to the clandestine lodges.

The stern resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication resulted in the dissolution of bonds of friendship that had stood the test of many years and untold vicissitudes. To our great regret we lost some members who deemed it possible to maintain clean and immaculate their honor, prestige, and sworn allegiance remaining where they now are, at the cost of deserting our ranks. We lost in numerical strength; but in compensation of our losses we have now the certainty that those who have remained with us have the same ideas of duty and loyalty to our cause as we have.

At the same time, realizing that our activities are not limited to the tyled lodge, they have also been carrying on constructive work in the world without. Notwithstanding the hard times we have experienced, various lodges with buildings of their own have relinquished parts of these free of charge for use by public schools and libraries. One of these activities is the organization of a corporation for the construction and operation of a hospital for crippled children.

Many young men with good memories, and the grand old men of the Fraternity with considerable labor, have memorized all the readings and all the charges and have even committed the Installation service, and the Funeral Ceremony to memory, so that no ritual is in sight during the installation or when conducting funerals, certainly a more pleasing and solemn rendition than reading from a book.

Many circulars were issued to the Craft by the Grand Master during his term of office.

Much praise is given to the Masonic Service Association and to the "Master Mason."

The Committee on Necrology feelingly says:

No! you have not died! Your earthly shell is no longer perceptible to our material senses; but your spirit still lives in us. The metamorphosis of death is but the alchemy of the spirits.

To your memory we now offer at the altar of our love the eucharist of our undying recollection.

From the Report of the Committee on the amendments to the Constitution establishing the language test we take the following:

Whereas, Wisdom is the main pillar by which Freemasonry stands;

No lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive an application for the degrees of Masonry unless the applicant be a man; no woman nor eunuch; free born, being neither a slave nor the son of a bond woman, a believer in God and a future existence; of moral conduct; CAPABLE OF READING AND WRITING INTELLIGENTLY ENGLISH OR SPANISH; having no maim or defect.

Religious Education in the Public Schools was the subject of the evening's discussion. The motion that was carried included this preamble:

Whereas, this constitutes an open attack upon the liberty of worship by which our present fundamental laws are inspired.

M.W. Bro. George R. Harvey, P.G.M. is in charge of the Fraternal Correspondence, the first sentence of his introduction being as follows:

The reviewer would like to have the brethren interested in this work. He has labored many weary hours to give a brief exposition of some activities which are being carried on in the Masonic world. Only a few hours are necessary for reading these reviews and learning something of the current Masonic history.

He gives Canada friendly review, especially commending the Grand Master's address and the report on the Condition of Masonry saying with regard to them and to ourselves:

The full report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry is good reading, and we regret that we are not able to give it in full in this review.

Brother Ponton expresses grateful appreciation of the efficient co-operation of his colleagues on the committee. The reviews are interspersed with good selections in verse and short and pithy paragraphs of the principal doings of the various Grand Lodges. We hope that the Philippines will be on the next list.

Montana furnishes him with this and other gems:

The Grand Master is evidently fond of poetry and his address is interspersed with some beautiful verses, like the following:

"For it is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road,
The strong arms of a brother kind
To help me onward with my load.
And since I have no gold to give,
And love alone can make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends."

From his conclusion we take the following sentences:

It should bring them into closer touch with Masonic activities, and will surely interest them in the workings of Grand Lodges in many parts of the Masonic world.

Now there are three millions in the United States of America. Masonically speaking, we who are in the Philippines claim to be a part of the United States, but some reviewers class us as foreigners.

God grant me these: the strength to do
Some needed service here;
The wisdom to be brave and true;
The gift of vision clear,
That in each task that comes to me
Some purpose I may plainly see.

Christian William Rosenstock, Manila, Grand Master.

Newton C. Comfort, Manila, Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

M.W. William C. Lawson, Grand Master.

Special Communications were held to attend the funerals of two Past Grand Masters and a Past Grand Treasurer. This is a worthy example to other Grand Lodges, including Canada. It was fully expected that this year Grand Lodge would be summoned to pay the last tribute to Grand Rulers of the Craft who have passed away in Ontario.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Charlottetown, June 24th, 1925.

Canada's Representative was not present.

Ten Past Grand Masters adorned the East.

The Grand Masters of Nova Scotia, of New Brunswick and of Quebec were welcomed to this semi-centennial meeting and received grand honours.

From the thoughtful and eloquent address of the Grand Master we take this paragraph:

It is for us in beginning the second half century of our existence to re-dedicate our lives to all that is great and good and true and to realize more fully our responsibilities as Masons so that we may be found ready and anxious to contribute our part in these strenuous times to our country's welfare and in the amelioration of the community in which we live.

Of the late M.W. Bro. Yeo he says:

Altogether he rendered 65 years of continuous public service. From the beginning he won and until the last he retained the richly deserved confidence, admiration and affection of everyone in his own community and here, irrespective of party, religious or ethnical affiliation. What a noble, patriotic and inspiring example of public service, well and faithfully performed, our dear departed friend and colleague has left to us all and to those who, after we have served our time will be called to "carry on".

He also paid tribute to the late M.W. Bro. MacDonald as a constant supporter and pillar of Grand Lodge.

Under his Memorial remarks we find the following:

From Labor to Refreshment —'tis the Great Grand Master's call
When our labors in the earthly Lodge are o'er
And He takes us through the portals of His Grand Celestial Hall
There to live in sweet refreshment evermore.
There we shall see completed all the Master's wise designs
No longer need the level and the square
And there will be no longer any need of grips or signs
For we shall all be brethren over there.

With regard to the condition of the Craft he puts these simple but pertinent questions:

Do you attend the meetings?
And if by chance you do,
Do you say the Lodge is rotten
And run by just a few?
Do you say you're not consulted
On things the Lodge should do?
Examine your conscience brother,
Is it the Lodge or is it you?
Now you realize my brother
If you study the matter a minute
All you'll ever get out of a Lodge
Is just what you put in it.

Membership in 1875 was 526. It is now 1,169.
A history of Freemasonry in Prince Edward Island

replete with most interesting information and documents copied in full was given by R.W. Bro. George W. Wakeford and forms a striking feature of the Proceedings.

As early as 1797 a meeting of the R.W. Grand Lodge was held in Charlottetown under Nova Scotia.

Addresses to Governors General, reception to the Prince of Wales, laying the corner-stone of the Provincial Buildings and other interesting events are recorded in full, including the procession to St. Paul's Church on the formation of Grand Lodge.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Historian.

Grand Lodge then proceeded again, fifty years after, to St. Paul's Church where M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Allan P. Shatford preached a most eloquent sermon, from which we take the two opening paragraphs:

Canon Shatford took as his text Genesis 47:8—"How Old Art Thou?"

He first dealt with the value of the question. It is one of the oldest. He had culled the text from a book 3,500 years old. It is the most constant question, asked in all time and by all people. "It is the youngest of questions and doubtless asked by many of us this day," said the speaker.

I wish to point out the qualities that belong to age, and then ask if Masonry possesses them, for Masonry is more than 50 years old. No man knows how ancient it really is. No absolute certainty exists regarding its origin. It penetrates far back to the beginning of things—it antedates every order or society, every known institution. Its history is coeval with man, for it originated in architecture, and that source began when man built his first shelter—Nay, it began with the creation of the world "When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy."

Age then has its peculiar possessions, its distinctive endowments. An anniversary is a profitable time for us to ascertain whether the particular institution glorying in its long history has secured them.

He then divided his subjects as he often does, into five headings entitled respectively Wisdom, Humility, Stability, Tolerance, Service.

An offering was taken up for the Prince Edward Island Orphanage.

At the banquet in the evening the toast list was graced by the old Latin motto "*Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit.*"

The Grand Masters present delivered eloquent addresses and from that of M.W. Bro. Shatford we share the following with our brethren:

The learned speaker rose to great eloquence when he spoke with conviction of the 60 years growth since Confederation which "Springing out of the loins of the two races, binds us together spiritually, politically and historically." "The spirit of Masonry, Unity but not necessarily Uniformity, has brought together men of every race, tongue, class and creed and continues to be a vital force in the up-building of the Dominion." "Every walk of life brings its contribution," the gifted speaker declared. "Justice, Righteousness, Healing, Knowledge, all were blended in one harmonious whole."

M.W. Bro. W. P. Doull, Chairman Correspondence Committee, says:

It is not the intention of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence this year to present any extended review or report.

Fifteen years ago the Grand Master in his address said: "Think of it, a Grand Lodge thirty-five years old that has never had occasion to suspend or expel a single member." Today we can repeat this pardonable boast, but changing the words thirty-five to fifty, and also add—nor a single quarrel with any Sister Grand Jurisdiction with which we have had Fraternal Relations.

Bro. Roy C. McLean of Souris, represents Canada and Bro. Thomas Rowe of Hamilton, represents Prince Edward Island with us.

M.W. John F. Martin, Eldon, Grand Master.

R.W. Ernest Kemp, Charlottetown, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC

M.W. Bro. Allen P. Shatford, Grand Master.

The Proceedings are prefaced by the announcement that "This book is the property of the lodge to whom it is sent."

After brief proceedings of a Special Communication called for laying the corner-stone of Crippled Children's Hospital erected by the Shrine, which was well and truly laid, the Fifty-fifth Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Montreal 11th February, 1925. Eight Past Grand Masters testified their loyal allegiance.

Canada was as usual, faithfully and well represented by M.W. Bro. J. A. Cameron, a scholarly gentleman.

Grand Master Ferrell of Massachusetts and escort and R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, our Grand Secretary, were cordially welcomed.

From the masterly address of the Grand Master we take the following paragraphs:

In welcoming you I desire, as my first word, to render homage to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the blessings and discipline of the past year. It has been a period of lights and shadows, of progress and depression, of hills and valleys but God is a God of the valleys as well as of the hills.

Among the hopes which animate our hearts, there is one that shines like a beacon in the darkness of our bereavement, and that is, that these our departed brethren are continuing their services in the land beyond the doubts and shadows of time.

Two new lodges were instituted. With regard to the Cornerstone he says:

We congratulate our brethren of the Mystic Shrine on this conspicuous evidence of their charity and we share in the glory that has been reflected upon the Order of Masonry.

The Grand Master has his own views which we hope now that he is out of office, will be broadened or liberalized. With regard to physical imperfections he says:

I am obliged again to warn the lodges against making applications for the initiation of men who have marked physical imperfections. It has been a most painful thing to refuse those whose moral and mental qualifications showed their fitness for our privileges but

no Grand Master has, in my judgment, any right to set aside the clear directions of our ritual and Constitution. But is not this somewhat inconsistent with what he says a few paragraphs further on regarding the Form and Spirit of Masonry?

The Grand Master conducted Divine Service on 12 special occasions in addition to his ministrations in his own Church. He visited St. Paul's Lodge, "374 English Register," and enjoyed every moment of his visit.

There are still back subscriptions due in connection with the proposed Masonic Memorial Temple, as to which progress is being made.

The Grand Master travelled over 10,000 miles, made 52 official visitations and gave more than 100 addresses. This is a great record, especially when we know the dynamic force and power which M.W. Bro. Shatford puts into his labour of love.

Of the form and spirit of Masonry he says:

Our ritual is one long and wondrous skein of intricate forms. Like the meshes of a net they cross and re-cross one another continuously. What wonder if men get lost or confused in this maze of mysteries!

Yet it is of the very essence of our Order that we should keep spirit and form in their due proportion. It is of primary importance that we recognize the superiority of spirit over form but it is almost of equal significance that we learn the true value of forms. The spirit can only be manifested in external shape but how often does the form choke the Spirit or hinder its fullest revelation?

The temptation in Masonry is to over-stress the form. There are brethren who wear regalia and exhibit the ornaments who are void of the Spirit of Masonry. There are excessive ritualists who will split hairs over a word or accent while all the while they are wholly unmindful of the Spirit enshrined in the form. Cases have been known where "good men and true" have been barred from a lodge because of some trifling difference in a password or grip. This is surely to caricature Masonry. She stands not so much for tolerance as for fraternity. She seeks to build men of all races, creeds and parties together. She is of all religions where God, the Great Creator and Father, is recognized. Any effort to identify her exclusively with one form of religion or race would destroy her mission.

ARE YOU A MASON?

That question, so frequently asked, demands something more than being versed in ritual or the exchange of secret grips? If all you have to give in response to it is a whispered word or a pressure of the fingers, a sign or an offered jewel, then you have learned little

of what it means to be a Mason. For Masonry in its deeper aspect is of the soul and mind. It is to see in your fellow-man, whether he be learned or ignorant, whether he be black or white, whether he hails from West or East, a friend and brother, one whom you can love and serve. The question you will ask him, if you be a true Mason is, not "What is your creed?" but "What is your need?" You will see in him the same high aspirations and the same weaknesses that you discover in yourself.

The District Grand Chaplain, Rabbi M. J. Merritt, gave an interesting address on "Israel and Masonry" from which we take the following paragraphs:

I remember that when he spoke to me with reference to this service he casually remarked that this was the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge of Quebec that one of my faith had delivered the Grand Chaplain's message. To that I wish to say that it is not because a son of Irsael does not feel peculiarly at home in this great Brotherhood. Biblical records and Masonic tradition tell us that the exalted mother, Masonry, whom all of us reverence, was cradled in that far-off home among the hills and valleys of Palestine from which has come so much for which society and humanity cannot adequately express its debt.

This magic word of Masonry is the watchword of the future. It is emphasized in every twisted telegraphic coil that binds the continents together, by every keel that plows the seas shortening the distance between the hearts of men, by every plane that soars the skies eliminating ancient barriers, by every rail of steel that binds the ends of the earth together in the greater oneness, by every message that the radio flings upon the unbound air. And this great order built on the solid rock of Brotherhood may bid defiance to every storm and link its fortune with eternity.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address thus report:

Your committee is in full sympathy with the views of the Grand Master that Grand Lodge should be prepared to extend to deserving brethren from other jurisdictions that sympathy and assistance expected from one Mason to another in the hours of his distress.

The zeal, enthusiasm and energy displayed by Most Worshipful Brother Allan P. Shatford during his two years of office as Grand Master, his great ability, untiring efforts and his earnest desire to render the fullest possible service to the Craft, combined with his many sterling qualities as a man and a Mason, have secured for him the admiration, love and esteem of his brethren. His has been a term of unusual activity. The demands upon him have been heavy and these have not been confined to our own jurisdiction but have extended far afield.

In Quebec District Grand Chaplains are regularly appointed and installed and of them, the Proceedings say:

None of the District Grand Chaplains being present, the D.D.G.M.'s were instructed to install their respective Grand Chaplains as soon as possible, but not later than 60 days from date.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence being from the pen of our Dean of the Table Round, M.W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, it goes without saying that it fulfills its purposes satisfyingly.

Canada 1924 is reviewed and the absence is noted of some familiar figures who were at the time in attendance at the meeting of the English and American Bar Associations in London as joint hosts.

Of R.W. Bro. Shanks' good work the reviewer says:

R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks represented the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and to him we are also indebted for the very generous notice of Quebec's Proceedings in the Correspondence Report, a feature of which is the reproduction from Grand Master Shatford's address of his eloquent and practical discussion of "Masonic charity."

And he quotes thus from Grand Master Drope:

Let us be cheerful, and stoutly refuse to look upon the dark side of life. World conditions must change for the better. Let us, in the meantime, keep our temper, preserve our faith, cultivating the habit of smiling and give up the habit of despairing. We Canadians are a good humoured, peace-loving, self-sacrificing race of people. We hate violence and cruelty. We all want to settle down to a peaceful, contented life after these years of world turmoil and strife. . . . We have a mission in this world. Let us prove worthy of the trust. This is a good world. Let us all strive to make it better.

Under England we have the following extract from Lord Amptill's report:

On our part, it would be possible, and it is certainly desirable, that there should be some systematic means of ascertaining when eminent Brethren are in London, and arranging for their entertainment. This is not so much a matter of special "banquets" as of that quiet hospitality of private lodges, which leads to close personal acquaintance, and to hospitality in the private homes of the hosts. It is that kind of hospitality which is most appreciated, and also the most valuable.

Florida furnishes the following interesting ruling and opinion on a subject which has often given rise to doubt in Canada:

He has the following interesting remarks with reference to a combined Masonic and military funeral:—

Being an ex-service man myself, I fully appreciate the fact that neither the salute nor taps could be given other than at the very last. No soldier would stand for it for the ceremony if given at the wrong time, would lose its meaning. For the soldier, no other ceremony carries such deep significance. It is an honor, a vindication, a tribute. It is a farewell, a blessing, an incense. It is a reverence, a prayer, a benediction. It is the expression of all that is deepest and best in the heart of a soldier. I am satisfied that it would be a grave mistake for us, as Masons, to interfere with it.

Of course Iowa gives Bro. Chambers as it always gives every reviewer, plenty of kindling. He says:

We know why he was called "the Great Pythagoras" this Master workman of the mind, who was content with naught but true work, good work, square work, who taught his brethren how to locate their temples so that the rising sun might light up the image of the god enshrined therein, and last, but not least, how this great symbol stood for God the Father, Man the Son, and the Holy Spirit of sweet sympathy binding both in eternal and ineffable union—a mighty symbol of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man!

It was the great Goethe who said:

"Lose this day loitering, 'twill be the same story
Tomorrow, and the rest more dilatory.
Thus indecision brings its own delays,
And days are lost tormenting over days.
Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute;
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it!
Boldness hath genius, power and magic in it;
Only engage, and then the mind grows heated;
Begin, and then the work will be completed."

And Goethe knew, for he was a true, and earnest, and a devoted Mason.

Almost the whole of Sir Alfred Robbins' great deliverance before the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, is quoted as a contribution of British Masonry towards unity and progressive thought.

William J. Ewing, Richmond, M.W. Grand Master.

W. W. Williamson, Montreal, M.W. Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND, 1924

A Special Communication was held at Brisbane, M.W. Bro. Quinn as Deputy Grand Master, on the throne.

Much business was transacted at this and at other Quarterly Communications of this new and thriving Grand Lodge.

At the June meeting, M.W. Bro. Charles Stumm was elected Grand Master.

The question was asked why the numbers voting for each candidate should be with-held, and the Grand Master ruled that as these figures were known to those in the East and also to the scrutineers and their assistants, they should be known to the members of Grand Lodge. He therefore decided to state them.

From the address of the Grand Master we take this paragraph:

I am convinced that the visits of Grand Lodge Officers to the more remote lodges in the country have been far too few and altogether irregular. Grand Lodge can only discharge its duty to the Country Lodges by arranging that every lodge shall receive at least one visit annually from a Grand Lodge officer of rank and qualifications sufficient to represent the Grand Master.

Grand Lodge at the July meeting read letters of greetings from the Grand Masters of New South Wales, of Victoria, of Southern Australia and Western Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and others.

The Grand Master's address is full of interest as the following sentences will show:

For the moment, however, I desire, in a retrospect of the year, to ask every brother, including myself, to reflect upon what he has himself done during the year towards the fulfilment of a united body, with all working harmoniously and with the heartiest co-operation. Unquestionably it is essential, especially in the earlier years of any union, that each member—and particularly that each member mature in experience and senior in rank—should use his utmost endeavours to consolidate the Union. In our beautiful and solemn consecration ceremony, you will remember there is presented, in accordance with ancient custom, at the completion of every important undertaking, a vessel of oil, as a symbol of peace and unanimity. Has each brother during the past year presented his vessel of oil? And what is more important, does he propose to contribute oil during the coming year?

Except for the lessons it should teach, the past may then well be allowed to be the past.

The Widows, Orphans, and Aged Masons Institution has a Capital Fund of nearly £11,000.

Then we have the Freemasons' Home, with assets aggregating over £8,000.

The Grand Lodge is collecting relics of the past and is treasuring the history and biographies of the lodges and the brethren.

Three lodges were consecrated during the year.

Grand Master Stumm in his welcome to the Earl of Cassillis representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, said:

History is a voice forever sounding across the centuries the laws of right and wrong.

Justice and truth alone endure and live. Injustice and falsehood may be long-lived, but doomsday comes at last to them in French Revolutions or other terrible ways.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Cassillis responded happily and with much good matter and concluded as follows:

This is what Freemasonry stands for, to bring us together and to realize we are one in heart and in principle.

It is indeed a very great and solemn thing if any one does anything to mar the unity of that Temple or to soil its purity.

There is no Correspondence Report.

QUEENSLAND

R. N. F. Quinn, M.W. Grand Master.

On May 28th, 1924, a Special Communication was held to nominate the Officers of Grand Lodge when M.W. Bro. R. N. F. Quinn was unanimously chosen.

On June 4th, 1924, a Quarterly Communication was held at Brisbane.

The Board reported the resignation of M.W. Bro. Charles Stumm, K.C. as Grand Master and commended his enthusiastic energy.

Apparently there is a standing committee called the Permission to Ballot Committee through whom applications to join the lodges areas it were filtered and who no doubt perform a useful function, which of course would be impossible in Canada. From their report we take the following:

Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the committee has held twenty-five regular meetings. Two thousand two hundred and fifty-two applications (including thirty-eight held over from the previous year) from the several lodges, requesting permission to decide upon and ballot for candidates, either as initiates or joining brethren, were carefully examined.

One thousand six hundred and sixty-seven requests to initiate, and three hundred and eighty-three appeals from joining brethren have been granted by the Board of General Purposes on the committee's recommendation.

Many amendments to the Constitution were proposed and discussed at length, each speaker's views being given.

The Earl and Countess of Cassillis of Scotland were "farewelled" by a large concourse of brethren.

A Special Commuication was held at Brisbane, July 16th.

On the installation of the Grand Master his predecessor said:

M. W. Bro. Quinn, the exalted station to which you have been called by the free choice of the brethren involves solemn and sacred responsibilities. You will be elevated to a position from which the powers and the prerogatives may depart on the completion of your term of office, but the honour (except by your own act)—Never!

The funds of Grand Lodge are reported at over £65,000 Sterling, including the fund for the Homes.

Canada's representative sent an apology for absence.

The new Temple Committee reported the estimated cost of the building and furniture and fittings at £77,000 on a modified plan and estimates.

The Board have determined to put their foot down very strongly on canvassing and this gave rise to a very earnest debate.

A motion passed that no initiation should take place on the night of balloting, among other arguments in support being the following:

It is also unfair to the candidate to bring him along and keep him in waiting outside, as has occurred on more than one occasion, and for the lodge then to decide not to admit him, and to send him away home again.

The Board reported with regard to other matters as follows:

Information having reached the Board that a lodge had permitted a Warden to obligate candidates, the Board took action and it now reports the matter to Grand Lodge so that Masters of Lodges may know that no brother below the rank of an Installed Master can obligate candidates.

Special Communication at Brisbane 2nd March, 1925.

The Temple Committee finally reported the three objects of the Temple (a) a monument to our Fallen Soldiers, (b) a monument to the unity of Masonry in Queensland, (c) a monument to Masonry generally. The President added:

I want you to think of this Temple, when erected as being a monument to that which I have stated. Now a building of this kind can never be expected to pay any money that we should be able to handle; there would be no interest forthcoming for the debenture holders, for those who granted loans, nor for the speculator. To be a success it must be a gift from the Freemasons of Queensland to the Freemasons of this State. In this and in no other way could it be what it was intended to be.

M.W. Bro. Stumm appears to have a vigorous way of expressing himself which does not always leave a pleasant impression on the readers of their Proceedings. In one place he said:

Not only will I not withdraw it, but I think it is absolutely a wrong thing to have a deputation. What I object to is organized cliquism.

The motion was put and declared lost.

R.W. Bro. Molesworth commented as follows:

I have never yet attended a Grand Lodge meeting where I have seen so much evidence of distrust to our fellow brethren.

And R.W. Bro. Rothwell added:

Under these circumstances I do not like to be told that the brethren are going to form organized deputations when they go and request someone to stand for a high office in Grand Lodge. I maintain they are not an organized deputation. I do hope that the brethren will try and trust each other, and believe that your fellow brother is striving to do what is right.

To which Bro. Stumm bluntly replied:

I am putting these amendments in order to meet what I know to have taken place. If the last speaker likes to be an ostrich and bury his head in the sand that is his business. I hope the brethren will carry my amendment.

The amendment was lost.

Quarterly Communication at Brisbane, June 3rd, 1925, when the following definition of canvassing was passed by Grand Lodge on the report to the Board:

A brother shall be deemed guilty of canvassing if it is proved to the satisfaction of the lodge, or of the Board of General Purposes, or of Grand Lodge, that at any lodge or Grand Lodge election he has either by himself or in conjunction with any other brother or brethren verbally or in writing, solicited support for himself or for any other brother or brethren, or if it is proved that he being a candidate for office has knowingly permitted any other brother or brethren to solicit support for his candidature, always providing that a brother who by himself or in company with any other brother or brethren waits upon a member of the Craft to ask the latter's consent to be nominated for office shall not be deemed guilty of canvassing.

The motion was seconded and carried.

There appears to have been a contest for the office of Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stumm who had resigned in 1924, being elected over the head of the sitting Grand Master. M.W. Bro. Quinn accepted his defeat in a graceful and chivalrous manner.

M.W. Bro. C. H. Harley, P.G.M. Grand Secretary
Brisbane.

RHODE ISLAND

M.W. Henry Clinton Dexter, Grand Master.

A Special Communication was held October 25, 1924 to lay the Cornerstone of a new Masonic Temple in East Providence. The oration was delivered by Bro. Barrows, Justice of the Superior Court. From it we take the following extracts:

We hate the thought of being forgotten. A few exceptional individuals successfully perpetuate themselves, but most persons fail to do so. As groups, however, men often can succeed when singly they would fail. Among the lasting and proper accomplishments of a group is the erection of a Masonic Temple. When we lay the cornerstone of such a building we have taken a step toward satisfying our craving for remembrance as well as left a tangible blessing for posterity. We are warranted in talking about it.

This is a cornerstone. We shall not presume to tell you of the part that it physically plays in the structure. We only know that it rests upon what has been done, it supports what is to follow. It bears the relation to the building that your life and mine bear to past and future human life. As we prove square and true, so will our descendants. Never was greater need of emphasis upon this preachment. Never was greater need for men of character who realize that there are no short cuts to power, to place, to success.

We shall tolerate differences of method to achieve a common aim. We are not so flabby as to tamely tolerate attacks on the principles underlying American institutions and government by men whose selfish ambitions or ignorant dreams have not been satisfied.

Ours is the rule of free individuals. The single man is our unit. We have no room for fighting groups. The great need today is for friendly groups—with one common denominator, Americanism—an amalgamation of our people. No nation can be strong without common aims, ideals, language and background.

Our President rightly said last spring, "We do not need more material development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more government, we need more culture. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things which are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen."

The semi-annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held November 17th, 1924, at which many matters of moment were discussed. Among the dispensations refused was the following:

The Grand Master refused to grant a dispensation to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on six candidates at a Special meeting. The dispensation was properly refused.

A special Communication was held May 15th, 1925, to dedicate the Hall, a handsome engraving of which is in the Proceedings.

From the address of the Grand Master on the occasion we take his conclusion:

I like to think that a day may come when there shall be no strife or bitterness among the nations of the world—"When man, though loving not his country less, shall, more than country, love his fellow man"—when the brotherhood of man shall be a reality. That is the spirit and the idealism of Freemasonry, an idealism that has been its inspiration and encouragement through the ages past. And who is there among us who does not find a measure of comfort and inspiration in visualizing, with Kipling, the day that is to be—sometime—somewhere.

"When Earth's last picture is painted
And the tubes are all twisted and dried,
And the oldest colors have faded
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it—
Lie down for an aeon or two—
Till the Master of all good workmen
Shall put us to work anew."

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held May 18, 1925.

M.W. Bro. Randall of Texas and Arthur N. Nash of Connecticut received a hearty welcome.

The Grand Master in his address referring to those who had passed beyond the veils, said:

"Rest to their ashes and peace to their souls".
And concludes with these earnest words:

I have not sought to make my administration spectacular in any way, but just to keep the Faith, to preserve inviolate our tenets, principles and ideals, to promote and advance the interests of the Craft.

We note that our old friend M.W. Bro. Wilbur A. Scott who first welcomed us to Rhode Island, is faithful and assiduous in every good word and good work and in

his manifold activities with his colleagues.

The Foreign Correspondence Report recommends the recognition of Guatemala and further consideration of Cuba.

Grand Lodge awards six scholarships to Masonic students of Brown University and President Faunce, who is known all over the Continent, sends a grateful acknowledgment.

Nine Past Grand Masters were honoured in the East.

Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. Clarence P. Bearce.

The new Grand Master, Bro. Howard Knight delivered an address of much interest showing in what close touch he has kept with the administration of this Jurisdiction:

I do not look upon the title of Grand Master as the honor you have conferred. Rather do I consider it as the cloak of authority by which I may serve the Masons of Rhode Island and so achieve the real honor of having been a good and faithful servant.

To govern wisely with the least use of authority—to render justice tempered with kindness--and to inspire progress after thoughtful counsel will perhaps summarize the general aims I have in view.

Grand Lodge Corporations have all been dissolved but five, for which an additional time has been given on reasons shown. The Incorporation of lodges should not be favoured in any Jurisdiction. It is contrary to the spirit and administration of Masonry.

R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid of Windsor, represents Rhode Island with us.

There is no Correspondence Report.

Howard Knight, Providence, M.W. Grand Master.

S. Penrose Williams, Providence, R.W. Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN

M.W. Bro. B. A. Kingsbury, Grand Master.

The Proceedings are preceded by a direct instruction that on receipt the W.M. shall arrange to have the address of the Grand Master, the report of the D.D.G.M. and the report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry read in lodge at the first regular meeting thereafter, and particular attention is called to the approved rulings of Grand Masters printed with the Proceedings. Emphasis is also put upon the fact that the volume is the property of the lodge.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication met in the First Baptist Church, Saskatoon, June 17th, 1925. M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell represented Canada in Ontario and we are proud to have our old friend thus faithfully and worthily appear for us in person.

The Mayor of Saskatoon, R.W. Bro. W. H. Clare tendered a hearty welcome, saying:

You are an important body having representative men present from nearly every walk in life to transact important business for an ancient order; an order which flourishes in every civilized part of the world, an order which has done nothing but good and taught nothing but right all down through the centuries. There is not a brother present but could testify as to the good influence Masonry has had on his life.

Addressing the younger members especially, the Grand Master urged that they take part in the deliberations "so that your own zeal for Masonry which has brought you here may be increased and you may be better fitted to inspire the Brethren on your return."

Under Necrology he says touchingly:

It is with great thankfulness we report that during the year death has not called away any of our Grand Officers, but from among our beloved brethren eighty three have been called home.

"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's victory won—
Then cometh rest."

Of District meetings he says:

Every one of the sixteen District Meetings was a splendid success. Many of the brethren had to travel great distances (up to 125 miles) to attend. Such distances meant great personal inconveniences.

Referring to the interchange of visits with North Dakota he commends as follows and refers especially to M.W. Bro. Stockwell's address on "Masonry at the Cross Roads", delivered at Moose Jaw. "The lodges on both sides of the border have shown great friendliness one to the other and intervisitation is quite frequent."

Of the Masons of the Province he says generally and proudly:

There was an air of seriousness about the meetings which was most impressive. Masonry means something in the lives of its members and that something very much worth while. Strict attention was given to the work.

He pays a worthy tribute to the Grand Secretary in the following words which, having met him and heard him, we know he deserves:

To the Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Tate I am indeed deeply grateful for kindly assistance at all times.

At the Golden Jubilee of Manitoba the Grand Master spoke of.

"Its splendid record in the uplift of this Western land, and paid tribute to the many notable Masons, there assembled, some of whom had been active Craftsmen for over fifty years. I was also privileged to attend the Communication of the Grand Lodge."

He could not approve of all the amendments to By-laws suggested. Among them the following:

The Constitution gives the Worshipful Master power to remove any of his appointed officers for due cause. I held that an elective officer could only be deprived of office when found guilty of some Masonic offense after due Masonic trial and therefore declined to approve of this amendment.

In answer to the request of Indian Head Lodge regarding the status of a Fellowcraft. I ruled that as he was a member of the lodge he was entitled to receive the lodge notices.

After giving a Master-elect two chances the Grand Master ruled:

The Master Elect could not satisfy the Board as to his proficiency and a Past Master was elected to fill the Master's chair.

Of Masonic research he says:

An untrained and uninformed Mason cannot be the asset to the Craft that he should be.

Under Benevolence he speaks of our sacred trust:

See that they do not suffer or spend their declining years in poverty and distress. The widows and orphans of our departed brethren are a sacred trust and must be cared for.

We have great and splendid traditions, to which we refer with pride. United we have great power. We should do our utmost to maintain these lofty ideals, to use our powers in doing the worthwhile great things. Our country needs the leavening influence of our teachings so that the home may be held sacred.

Of their own free will and accord they enter into a covenant for home building. Some of these responsibilities are obvious and are for the most part readily and cheerfully discharged. "He that provideth not for his own is worse than an infidel." Every Mason will admit that. Other responsibilities are not so readily admitted among men. They ought to be definitely accepted by the Fraternity.

The child has the right to expect to be reared in a good home, not necessarily a luxurious home, but a home in which the "Charities of father, son and brother" are held dear. As the child grows we should see to it that the school he must attend keeps ever before him lofty ideals of service.

The able report of the Grand Secretary includes the following words of admonition addressed to Secretaries generally:

There are a few who seem to have an erroneous conception of their duty and responsibility. The real culprit however was not the Secretary who withheld sending in his return until the eleventh hour but the one whose return was incorrect and who neglected or delayed answering correspondence arising out of his mistakes.

Number of lodges 179. Number of members 12,969. Net gain 172. The population of Saskatchewan is approximately 850,000.

The Grand Secretary thus concludes:

On the other hand, wherever you find a lodge that is not teaching and spreading broadcast the great moral precepts of our Institution, not standing as a unit for Service and Sacrifice, there you find a Lodge that is more or less languishing.

My aim has always been to make the office a source of light and inspiration to the Craft in Saskatchewan, but

"My struggling soul may never gain the prize
It covets so,

It may not reach the gates of Paradise
At Sunset's glow,
But I have faith that in the shadows blue
At set of sun,
I shall be judged by what I've tried to do—
Not what I've done.

The Committee on Condition of Masonry say:

We are able to state that Freemasonry in the past year has made more progress toward establishing itself as a vital part of all that is best in the social life of this province than it has in any previous year.

Unfortunately there are in Saskatchewan still arrears for dues \$36,509. but that is an improvement over last year.

Grand Chaplain Glover delivered an address on "Our Masonic contribution to Canadian Life" in which he said:

"Should we see but individual and our own personal welfare in uniting with the Order we will gain little and give less."

Canada has had a strenuous, manly and romantic past.

Then followed the present stage—that of a more steady, sensible and permanent progress. Home values are coming back again and in the spirit of co-operation our life is moving forward.

We desire growth that a still larger land may be ours—not by extension of its borders, but by intensive development. We desire prosperity for in this prosperity will be found contentment and progress. We desire unity that in national affairs we may be as one.

Such being possible have we as Masons a part to play? I believe we have. Our Institution, though ancient, has still its ancient power. Its powers increase with the passing years. Ours is not an organization for self glory, aggrandizement and gratification. We stand for something positive. We have a part to play.

May the spirit of real, warm, heart-felt brotherhood never fade nor be replaced by a cold independence that chills the heart of man.

So as Masons we look forward—forward with a glorious faith in both God and Man. We have a task as wide as Saskatchewan, as wide as Canada, as wide as the world. It calls forth the best we have for the best that is to be.

God give us men equal to the task, men who are not afraid, men who will do and dare. In these days fearful even in the greatness of their opportunities, we are called upon to measure ourselves by the task.

The Board of Benevolence reported on one of their splendid functions as follows:

We are of the opinion that this fund will continue to do good work in this Province, and a number of deserving students are going to be able to fit themselves to labor in the field the founders of this fund hoped to benefit, namely, the outlying schools attended by those who have not had the opportunity to acquire all the benefits of Canadian citizenship, and education as enjoyed by the older communities.

“Life is sweet just because of the friends we have helped.
And the things which in common we share;
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care;

The Committee on Necrology present a feeling report :

“They shall receive us as they were received,
Shall guide our feet unto the Perfect Shrine,
And we shall wonder then why once we grieved,
Or call that death which gave us life divine.”

It is not for us to dispute the decree of the All-wise who doeth all things well, but rather submit and content ourselves. It is our thankful prayer that He has given us these noble men for example and admonition.

The report of the Credential Committee is again unique under the Chairmanship of Francis B. Reilly. It is both humorous and poetic. One sentence will suffice:

If during the bustle and confusion of registration your committee at times seem unnecessarily short grained the ill effects of this has been offset by your kindly toleration of our infirmities.

M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill shared with the brethren at the banquet that followed Grand Lodge, his knowledge of physiology, psychology and his wise philosophy, saying among other good things:

We, Sir, are, and should be, a contributing factor to the purposes of the Order and should in truth be benefited by the force and urge which Masonry has upon us as individuals to make us successful in Masonic life, and successful in citizenship as well. How then can, the individual have success as a citizen and as a Mason?

It is my belief that the importance of individualism is, today, being lost sight of in an ardent desire to visualize in groups, and in the giving over of our thought to the gang instinct.

It is not in the ethics or principles of Freemasonry to press gang all minds into close conscious, communal thinking. Its teaching is, essentially, for individual thinking. Some schools of thought today look upon individualism as a crime. The great cry of thinking for others may be only a fetish. We hear a lot of sacrifice of self, of service to others, these days. Service to others, everyone should

perform regularly and joyously in a manner which is in keeping with his temperament and possibilities, but to make it a fetish is to lose oneself entirely or to make the self, the ego, more pronounced than ever.

The aim of the successful business man may be in getting and possessing. The aim of the Mason must be as an integral part of this great body—in becoming and being. He must be greater than anything that belongs to him.

Failure is the loss of faith in oneself. Masonically, the loss of faith in one's Institution.

To be successful in such an Institution as ours, in such an Order, demanding the highest ethics, holding to the principles of fidelity and truth should surely satisfy the noblest aims, aspirations and ambitions of every member of the Fraternity from the humblest of us to the highest and rarest characters in the broad expanse of Freemasonry.

Saskatchewan is represented in Toronto by M.W. Bro. Goggins.

The Foreign Correspondence is in charge of a Committee of which M.W. Bro. Thomson is Chairman.

The Proceedings of Canada for 1923 and Canada for 1924 are briefly but comprehensively reviewed.

His report is concentrated but occasionally he finds room for a poetic verse, with which we close:

"If I but knew that somehow, somewhere, I
Had dried a tear or lessen'd sorrow's sigh—
Had slacked the thirst of parching fevered lips,
Or led some soul through trial's dark eclipse,
Then I should feel life's mission had been true,
If I but knew.

Gilbert Swain, Saskatoon, Grand Master.

W. B. Tate, Regina, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND, 1925

The Right Honourable The Earl of Stair, M.W.
Grand Master Mason.

It is interesting to note the historic names of the "official family" of M.W. the Earl of Stair, the Past Grand Master being the Earl of Elgin, the Grand Master Depute being Lord Blythwood, the Substitute Grand Master Joseph Inglis, W.S., J.P., The Senior Grand Warden, Sir Alexander Gibbs, the Junior Grand Warden, The Master of Saltoun, M.C., Leonard Melrose, Grand Treasurer, David Reid, J.P. Grand Secretary, and the well known name in Canada and wherever a soldier heart beats, the Right Honourable the Earl Haig, K.T., Junior Grand Deacon.

The Honorary Grand Officers hail from India, Newfoundland, Cape of Good Hope, Gibraltar, North China, The Transvaal and from the world over.

Two offices new to us, are filled by Cairo Brethren, namely, Grand Bible Bearer and Grand Bard. Why should not we have a Grand Bard, and this reviewer nominates for the office of Laureate, W. Bro. John D. Spence of Toronto, whose verses on the Mother Land will never be forgotten.

Canada was represented at the meeting by James Grierson of Strathaven.

Grand Lodge meets quarterly.

The precedence of Lodges is as follows:

- 0 Mother Kilwinning.
- 1 The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel)
- 1² Melrose St. John
- 1³ The Lodge of Aberdeen.
- 2 Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh.
- 3 Scoon and Perth
- 3^{bis} The Lodge of Glasgow St. John.

The roll of lodges beginning with Mother Kilwinning ends with number 1,335 at Drummore.

The last Grand District named is in Mesopotamia.

A Quarterly Communication was held February 5, 1925, when Grand Lodge was opened in "full form" with solemn prayer. The brethren were up-standing on the reference to the death of the late Grand Treasurer, Chisholm in December.

A bronze heraldic plate in commemoration of Lord Elgin was affixed to one of the pillars in Grand Lodge Hall.

The new Grand Treasurer, Leonard Melrose, took the oath, *de fideli administratione officii*.

The Grand Committee met and ruled as follows:

It is the duty of a brother who takes out a demit and does not use it within twelve months, to intimate the fact to the lodge which issued it, and return the demit.

If a demit has lapsed, and the brother has placed himself again in good standing, a fresh demit may be issued to him.

Members of Grand Lodge are especially attentive to the amenities of Craft life and if they cannot be present, always send apologies for absence, which are read in Grand Lodge.

Saskatchewan protested against a Saskatoon Brother, son of an officer in Scotland, being initiated by a Scottish Lodge on the occasion of his visit to his former home in Scotland; time not having been given for reply, the Committee recommended that Grand Lodge support the regularity of the initiation, this action not be regarded however as a precedent.

Many Provincial and District Grand Masters reported fully as to their respective charges.

From the Western Mediterranean we take the following:

It was a great pleasure to me to visit Malta in March, and to find Lodge St. Andrew, in such a flourishing condition. Although the only Scottish Lodge in Malta, I found the working truly Scottish in character, and I was pleased to note the harmonious relations of the lodge with the Sister Constitutions in the Island.

The receipts for the year amount to the handsome sum of £4,651 Sterling and the Orphan Fund to £2,663. Our Scottish Brethren are not always our "closest" friends. They are fountains of philanthropy.

The remainder of the Proceedings of Scotland have not yet reached us.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

M.W. Brother The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole, Grand Master.

The Proceedings are preceded by photographs of the Grand Officers and by a reproduction of the following inscription on the foundation-stone of the new Freemasons' Hall in Adelaide:

This Stone was Laid by The Most Worshipful Grand Master His Excellency The Hon. Thomas Slaney Poole, M.A., LL.B. Administrator of the Government and acting chief Justice of this State. Charles R. J. Clover, Grand Secretary, 15th April, A.D. 1925.

Membership 11,727.

A Half Yearly Communication was held in Adelaide October 15th, 1924, when distinguished visitors from New South Wales were welcomed.

£2,000 was voted from the general fund to building fund.

The Grand Master in his address said:

Freemasonry has grown in this State with greater comparative rapidity than the population. Taking the period 1911 to 1921, the male population of the State increased by approximately 20%—slightly over that figure. During the same period the number of members of our Order was increased by over 100%.

The indiscriminate granting of Warrants for new lodges could very easily lead to the disruption or enfeeblement of existing lodges. On the other hand, the State in which we live is one of wide distances between centres of population, and unless, in these circumstances, lodges are established Freemasonry is not likely to make any progress in them, but, if on describing a circle from such a centre with the radius of a cabletow you find within the circumference a sufficient population to secure the permanence and growth of the lodge by admission of worthy men and that circle does not cut or cuts but slightly any other such circle in which a lodge is established, the existence of the new lodge marks a distinct advance.

There is, when reports are supplied to what in this connection I may term the profane press, a very grave risk that matters may be communicated which, for a Mason to communicate, would be a Masonic offence. I trust that W.M.'s will do what they can to discourage such reports. It is not in this Jurisdiction alone that attention has been called to this tendency.

Since my election as Grand Master I have taken, another Degree. I have become a Royal Arch Mason and (enabled by the courtesy of my private Chapter and the regulations of that Order) I have been installed as Supreme head of the Royal Arch.

It is well that the links between the Orders should be maintained. I recall how, in this room in 1919, M.W. Bro. Grundy advised every Master Mason to take that degree and advised, still more strongly, brethren who are preparing for the Master's Chair. I, brethren, as strongly advise those brethren who can give the extra time—not very great—to attendance at Royal Arch Chapters to take it.

I am convinced that by becoming Companions of that Order you tend to consolidate the forces of Freemasonry. Members of the Private Chapter are usually drawn from different lodges. In their Chapters they work together. Parochial isolation is not possible and the lesson is quickly learnt that loyalty to the lodge—the unit—can exist with loyalty and effort on behalf of the sum total—the Great Order to which we belong.

Greetings were extended by Tasmania and by M.W. Bro. H. Montgomerie-Hamilton, N.S.W., who said:

In New South Wales they made the keenest and severest examination into men's character before granting admission and the better class of the community were now coming into the Order. For some reason or other many formerly held aloof but they are now beginning to realize that by joining they are not only gaining something themselves but are doing a useful work for the State and the community at large. In this way Freemasonry could be of the greatest good in the world.

The Annual Communication was held April 15th, 1925.

Total assets of Grand Lodge approximate £89,000.

The Deputy Grand Inspector of Lodges says:

The very casual manner in which some members, including Past Masters, give the signs (a fault common to many lodges) leaves room for improvement. It may be regarded almost as an insult to the Worshipful Master for any member when saluting to give the signs in a careless and indifferent manner.

The great occasion was the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Temple, which is thus described:

Genial weather contributed to the unqualified success of the ceremony, which was attended by the Visiting Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand, as well as a large gathering of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and brethren of Metropolitan and Country lodges.

The Grand Master delivered the following invocation:

"May the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of refreshment, and the Oil of joy, together with all the necessities of life abound abundantly among men throughout the whole world. May the structure here to be erected, be planned in Wisdom, supported by Strength, and adorned in Beauty, and may it long be preserved as a monument of the energy and liberality of its founders."

The Grand Master said:

From here, as from the heart of the Craft, should pulse the arteries of progress; hence as from a centre of light and warmth should radiate instruction and encouragement to every point on the delimiting circumference of this Grand Lodge's jurisdiction.

Masonry is not a Friendly Society. No member can, as of right, claim any assistance, and yet the duty of benevolence is cast upon all. The help bestowed on our members is not apportioned by the tables of the actuary but by a brother's necessity and our ability to give relief.

Beneath its Mysticism, Freemasonry stands for Truth, Benevolence and Brotherly Love: for harmony and goodwill: for Justice, Prudence, and Fortitude. Here in this great Island Continent, "fair is our lot and goodly is our heritage." Pregnant with possibilities of greatness is the future of this Commonwealth, and if, as I believe it does, Freemasonry assists men in striving to live just, courageous, and upright lives: teaches them to live not merely for themselves but for all, then I say, not only as a Freemason but as a citizen also, long may this building continue, long may the Order flourish, ever clinging fast to the principles it now holds.

The occasion was also the conference of Australian Grand Masters many of whom spoke. M.W. Bro. Hickford of Victoria said:

I do not think it would be other than fitting to express our gratification at being present at the very fine ceremony of laying the foundation stone of what is going to be the focussing centre of all that is best in South Australia. We are pleased the brethren have installed a most learned and able man in M.W. Bro. Poole. He has thoroughly saturated himself with the spirit of our organization. It is to be regretted that our Grand Master, the Earl of Stradbroke, is unable to be present to-night, but he asked me to express the warmest and best felicitations to the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

M.W. Bro. Quinn, Queensland, said:

We have journeyed from Brisbane, from the far northern part to the most southern part for the purpose of offering our congratulations on your re-election to the office of Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Piper said:

Our Order continues to advance. During the past six months eight new Lodges have been consecrated, and I hope to consecrate still another, to be called Prince Edward lodge, before this month has passed.

Let us see to it that we fall not too sadly short of those high ideals; that we, so far as in us lies, carry out in our work-a-day world that which we here profess to esteem and admire.

A grand Masonic Banquet was held in honor of the visiting brethren, His Excellency Hon. Thomas Slaney Poole, Administrator of Government presiding.

From the remarkable speeches that were given at this banquet we take the following paragraphs:

Freemasons ought to insist upon being models of kindness and courtesy. Life was made up of contrasts. The vigorous man was not always an able man nor the amiable man always vigorous. There was some dark inscrutable workmanship in Freemasonry. They in South Australia had garnered up their golden grain and by their wool had fleeced the nations of the world. (Laughter). The fine Temple would be a home and radiating centre for all that was best in human nature. They all wished to be happy, but it was hard to define what happiness meant. An Irishman described it as pulling down a Protestant church and being paid for it.

The dissociable ocean could never part Freemasons. In South Australia they had laid the foundation of the structure.

They had experienced a great sense of the universality of their science by meeting the many eminent Freemasons here. It was a great experience and an opportunity the representatives from "the little island across the Straits" seldom had.

The Grand Secretaries had had a delightful time, and amongst the things discussed was the amount that the Grand Master ought to know. (Laughter). It had been suggested that the Grand Secretaries ought to make a tour of the world in order to ascertain something about the ancient usages and customs of the Order, and he would undertake to conduct the party through Scotland.

He was the most popular secretary at that table, because he represented the State which had just turned down prohibition.

Freemasons should realize that their Craft taught and required them to be a force for right along every path of human endeavour.

Every effort they made in good building would bring them nearer to the goal they all hoped to reach.

Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. Rev. M. Williams and South Australia was represented by the late M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt.

The correspondence Reviews are largely written by the Grand Representatives of the different Jurisdictions, Canada coming under the notice of R.W. Bro. Williams, who speaks approvingly of the lodges holding Grand Lodge Nights when the Annual Proceedings would be taken as the text book for the evening; also approving of M.W. Bro. Drope's statement that Masonry does not measure its power and prestige by its numbers. He approves of the D.D.G.M's and says:

It is a question whether, in the interests of Freemasonry in our own Constitution, the time is not ripe for adopting a similar practice here.

And of R.W. Bro. Rev. R. C. Blaggrave's motion recognizing the attainment of Past Masters' fiftieth anniversary as Rulers of the Craft he says:

This surely would be a gracious recognition of faithful service in the Craft, if there should be any such in our own Constitution.

Under Manitoba the reviewer notes:

The effort epitomizes the true spirit of Freemasonry and suggests the sentiment expressed by Goldsmith, England's sweetest pastoral poet—

"To them his heart, his love, his gifts were given,
But all his serious thoughts had rest in Heaven."

And under North Carolina we find the following:

It is a source of pleasure to me to read of the great services rendered to the young, and afflicted, in the way of schools, hospitals, and homes, which are maintained by the Craft. This must of necessity have a good and lasting influence on the outside world at large.

C. R. J. Glover, Adelaide, R.W. Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA

M.W. Brother Charles K. Chreitzberg, Grand Master.

An Occasional Lodge was held November 21, 1924, for the following unique purpose as described:

Announcement was made by the Grand Master that he had convened this Occasional Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Three Degrees of Masonry upon Dr. Robert Wilson, Dean of the Medical College.

A lodge of Master Masons was closed in short form and opened in like manner on the E.A. Degree. Dr. Robert Wilson was then regularly initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

A lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons was closed in short form and a lodge of Fellow Craft Masons opened in like manner. Dr. Robert Wilson was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft.

A lodge of Fellow Craft Masons was then closed and a lodge reopened on the Master's Degree.

At 8 o'clock the lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Third Degree and Dr. Robert Wilson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The Grand Master then addressed the lodge and extended the privileges of the floor to the newly made brother who in a very feeling and forceful way thanked the Grand Master and the brethren for the great honor conferred upon him.

The One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Annual was held in Charleston March 11th, 1925, seven Past Grand Masters loyally present.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. A. A. Lemon.

The address of the Grand Master was able and interesting. He said:

I particularly welcome the representatives from the small lodges—those lodges, like the "Lodge over Simpkins' Store", which are dispensing true Masonic light and knowledge without the embellishments of ornate fittings, gorgeous robes, and illustrated lectures. Lincoln said "God must love the common people—He made so many of them." Masonry loves, and stands by, and depends upon, country lodges. Masonry, also, "expects every man to do his duty," and the lodge that works and strives to fulfil its destiny under adverse circumstances and in unattractive surroundings is the lodge in which Masonry thrives.

Everywhere, there is planning and striving for a better and higher education for the masses as well as for the Masons. We want our young men to become educated Masons.

When illiteracy has been banished from among our people, a higher Masonic education of our initiates will be the easiest thing we have to accomplish. This higher Masonic education is greatly to be desired. Masonry is not the conferring of the several degrees; that is merely a means to an end—the foundation upon which a moral and spiritual edifice is to be erected!

But alas, how many of us stop when the foundation is laid! The wise man puts a foundation under his house—it may be rough, it must be strong. Then he encloses the building, embellishes it with paneled wainscot and corbelled arches; he furnishes it completely before he can fully enjoy it. Why should we, as Masons, stop with the foundation?

The chain letter he describes as “a pious fraud” and a “hair-brain” scheme and “absurd nonsense”; and he consistently refused to approve the circulation of begging letters.

Five cornerstones of High School Buildings, Chambers of Commerce etc., were laid. Let us try this in Canada!

He makes the following rule, quoting from Mackey's Encyclopedia:

The Grand Secretary asked if an illegitimate son would be eligible for the degrees of Masonry.

My answer is yes.

The more liberal spirit of modern times has long since made the law obsolete, because it is contrary to the principles of justice to punish a misfortune as if it was a crime.

I therefore hold that illegitimacy, *per se*, is not sufficient ground for rejection.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations report:

The lodges that organized the Grand Lodge Oriental formerly owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and claim to have withdrawn therefrom, and have set up a Grand Lodge of their own.

We are in Fraternal Relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba, we think it would be an act of discourtesy to extend Fraternal Recognition to the Grand Lodge Oriental.

The Foreign Correspondent receives a remuneration of \$750. annually and all who know the good work of M.W. Bro. Michie know that he fully earns what he gets and gives ample value to us all.

The Representative of South Carolina near Canada is R.W. Bro. J. C. Bartram of Ottawa.

M.W. Bro. Michie's fifteenth review of Proceedings is preceded as usual by a selected verse:

"Have you ever tried to help another?
Have you ever earned a grateful smile?
Have you ever asked a weary brother
In to ride with you for a mile?
Have you ever given freely
Of your life's goods worth?
If you haven't then you have really missed
The greatest joy on earth."

Under Arizona he quotes and comments thus apropos of "physical perfection"

While upholding the doctrine of *stare decisis* and ruling that a profane that was totally blind in one eye was ineligible, he goes on to say:

This strikes home to me more forcibly the growing conviction that we are too blindly worshipping the fetish of a physical perfection and hanging on with grim determination to a questionable heritage from ancient Operative Masonry. To be sure physical perfection is to be desired.

We need a more liberal interpretation of Regulations that it may harmonize with our declaration that it is the inner and not the outer qualifications of a man that render him worthy to be made a Mason, and thus make it possible for worthy men to be Masons.

But the J.P's—upheld by Grand Lodge—could "find no reason for reversing such rulings or changing our present Regulations."

Canada 1923 is comprehensively reviewed and from his comments we take the following:

As was to be expected, Bro. Ponton submitted a most masterful Address on many topics, but his topics and his activities were too numerous to mention in the brief space allotted to a Reviewer. We can only mention some of them.

Time did not permit him to enumerate all the happy evenings he had spent North, South, East and West, they are engraved on the tablets of his memory. "With fruitful results." He attended the Grand Lodge Communications of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, and there met Masons of "many other States from Texas to Washington;" revised and confirmed By-laws and changes; wrote nearly a thousand letters; reported that nineteen lodges had been dedicated; thinks the "light fantastic" has been a bit overdone in certain lodges, and asks the question "Do we Masons need to 'chase the glowing hours with flying feet'?"

He thinks the attendance of lodges at Divine Service should be encouraged. Let the lodges do so without a Dispensation, as we do

in South Carolina, perhaps that would encourage them more than anything else. He speaks of the "estimable practice" of presenting every made Master Mason with a Bible.

All the D.V's. were honored with Past Grand Rank. From the Address of Brother Lord Ampthill we cull the following:

I think now, Most Worshipful Master, I am not exaggerating when I say our hearts beat absolutely together and that with you here in Canada we in England look forward to a future in which we shall be able to co-operate more and more in the furtherance of the objects of Freemasonry; that is to say in doing such good to humanity at large as lies within the compass of our own opportunities and within the still wider compass of those opportunities which God has accorded to us as citizens of the British Empire.

"R.C.B." reviews South Carolina for 1922 in four pages. This is his opening paragraph:

The proceedings show on the fly-leaf a splendid photograph of a Mason whose features denote a striking balance of strength, uprightness and kindliness. He is Grand Master. He has given the personal touch and has given informative and readable material of great value. This scribe wonders if he is a busy man or not. If he is we admire him all the more.

Well, for the last thirty years we have never seen the time that we hadn't something to do. He quotes five paragraphs of our Review of his Jurisdiction.

Under Canada 1924 our colleague says:

Grand Master Drope records the passing Home of Past Grand Master Henry Robertson. He says that of the ten living Past Grand Masters four have reached or passed their four-score years.

Laid two Cornerstones by Deputy, Consecrated six Lodges in person and six by Deputy; Dedicated eight lodges in person and nine by Deputy.

It appears, from the Report of the Board of Grievances and Appeals, that when a brother is found guilty after trial, he is suspended and then he must appear before the Board of General Purposes at the next Session of Grand Lodge and show cause why he should not be expelled. If he does not do so, the Board pronounce sentence of expulsion. A cumbersome mode of procedure.

P.G.M. Ponton writes the Correspondence Report—248 pages—in a brilliant manner. We spent a whole afternoon with him, enjoying his writings immensely. He devotes four and a half pages to South Carolina for 1923, that is, two pages to our Proceedings and two and a half to this scribe. He says we are "an outstanding figure at the Round Table." He quotes largely from our scribblings, and we feel flattered.

It does one's heart good to have England so thoroughly reviewed, seven full pages being devoted to it

by M.W. Bro. Michie despite the "leaf and pamphlet" form of the Proceedings. Space only permits a few extracts:

So the Substitute Grand Master of Scotland is also Senior Grand Warden of England!

The Duke of Connaught was installed as Grand Master in his absence, and again proclaimed in the same style as formerly. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were proclaimed the same way.

Pro Grand Master Amphthill read a most interesting account of his visit—along with other three Brethren—to Newfoundland and Canada. He was royally and loyally treated everywhere, and he carried away many pleasant recollections of his trip.

Under Ireland we read:

As for the Grand Lodge of Ireland, "it has the wisdom of age and the enthusiasm of youth," he says.

Under New Zealand we find the following:

In the evening Grand Officers were installed with all the pomp and ceremony so dear to the British heart, the Grand Master being "Invested and Enthroned."

Virginia of course gives him ample opportunity and he says:

Past Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston writes the Foreign Correspondence Report for the time. His reviews should be read by every one lucky enough to get a copy. They are full of Masonic information coupled with wholesome comment. He calls a spade a spade, not an agricultural implement, withal he is always courteous.

He devotes over a page to Michie, we differ on several little non-essentials, and as he hates controversy we will not prolong a discussion.

We entirely agree with you, Bro. Eggleston, that "demit" and "dimit" have different meanings, they are not interchangeable.

Anent our calling the Athol Grand Lodge a Seceding or Schismatic Grand Body, he says:

Their being Seceders has no terrors for this Scribe.

It is a direction of Grand Lodge that each lodge shall have one copy of the Proceedings bound and preserved.

Charles K. Chreitzberg, Rock Hill, Grand Master.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA

M.W. Bro. Frederick Treon, Grand Master.

Occasional Grand Lodges were held to lay three corner-stones and for funeral services of no less than three Past Grand Masters, an honour and a tribute paid to Rulers of the Craft which should be a worthy custom in Canada as in the other Grand Jurisdictions of the world.

The Fifty-first annual Communication was held at Sioux Falls June 9th, 1925.

It would appear that this Grand Lodge has articles of incorporation from the State. Unless the law of the State requires this we do not see how it can be deemed consonant with the old traditions and ideals of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master in his address pays a fine tribute to the living and the dead in the following words:

For more than a quarter of a century our beloved Grand Secretary has lived here, and under his personal guidance and efforts we have seen a set of records built up, and a Grand Lodge library grow, until it stands fourth in size, of its kind, in the world.

It is with profound sorrow that I record the death of three of our beloved Past Grand Masters. I do not believe it has ever before fallen to the lot of a Grand Master, in this Grand Jurisdiction, to convene a Grand Lodge in such rapid succession as it was my painful duty to do, for the purpose of holding three funerals for Past Grand Masters.

He urged the brethren to exercise their right and trust of franchise, one of his reasons being that:

In 1920 twenty-seven million voters stayed away from the polls. As a result twenty-six million voters—a minority—elected a president.

A brother came to the Master of his lodge and acknowledged his guilt as an illegal dealer in the liquor business. The Grand Master having been asked what he should do under the circumstances said with justice tempered with mercy:

The brother has been guilty of a grave masonic offense. If he sees the error of his way and is truly repentant, I believe you should put him on probation for a time.

Remember to err is human, to forgive divine.

He preached a practical religion in his conclusion:

Wearing a masonic emblem does not make a man; it is only proof that the order has tried to clothe him with the habiliments of a gentleman worthy of the confidence of your family, your neighbor, your country and yourself. But the order can not by putting the blanket of masonry over you, make you worthy of the name. It's up to you to make good. You must build within your own life a temple that will endure.

Membership 19,296. Net gain 333.

South Dakota has indeed reason to be proud of its contribution to the practical education and research of the members of the Craft as thus recorded by the Committee:

The new library building is finished and the records and books are now in as sure fire-proof structure as man can make it, and one that is safe for centuries to come. There is but one other of its kind in the world that is used solely for Grand Offices and Library; the one at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This building is a wonder to all who visit it and particularly is it looked upon with pride by every member of the Fraternity, and is considered a great credit to the Order, which caused it to be built.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters beamed benignant approval on the Proceedings.

Canada was represented by W. Bro. William E. Milligan.

South Dakota has the honour of being represented by our own Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland.

The Order of the Eastern Star appears to "stand in strong" with the brethren of South Dakota as with some of the Southern Jurisdictions.

Grand Lodge was called to refreshment and the Eastern Star ladies were admitted when Grand Matron Warne thus addressed Grand Lodge:

The Grand Master who now occupies your Grand East has also had the honor of occupying our Grand East as Grand Patron, and here on my left, in your Grand Secretary's station, sits a brother who has had the honor of occupying our General Grand East as Most Worthy Grand Patron. As I extend to you these greetings there comes over me a feeling that greetings to you from the Order of the Eastern Star of this State is almost like saying "Good morning" to one's self in the mirror, for as I glance over this audience I see so many of you who are members of the Eastern Star, and many

others who will surely become members some time, we hope in the not far distant future. We shall labor on in the hope that you will join our Order, and we believe you will, for we feel that more and more each year we are proving to you, by the results of our efforts, that we are not a mere social order of women only; rather that we are a great body of earnest, faithful, sincere workers, with a steadfast purpose to co-operate with you in carrying on the work you have set out to do in the world, and to do all the good we can.

With some misgivings M.W. Bro. Blatt, P.G.M. responded by request of the Grand Master and was frank enough to express the old fashioned note of conservatism in the following words:

It was a mistake, I think, of our Grand Master to designate me to reply to your greeting. A message containing so much love for and devotion to the work which we, as Masons, consider our first duties, and couched in language of such lofty eloquence, deserves a more fitting reply than I am capable of making. I am not even a member of the Eastern Star. I have, however, on previous occasions witnessed similar scenes in this Grand Lodge. They were initiated since I left the state, and would never have received my approbation. I am of the old school which, in this Grand Lodge has no knowledge of relation to aught except that under its direct control, the three degrees in Masonry.

He announced himself however a convert to the good work of the Eastern Star as auxiliaries in connection with the Homes, Schools and Hospitals.

Grand Orator Hall delivered a fine address of which the following paragraph is typical:

We must educate the many nationalities which constitute our citizenship, so that they will understand and appreciate America. We must also educate our native born to understand and appreciate the numerous contributions which other nationalities have made to our life. When alien peoples come to our shores with governmental ideas opposed to ours, because they have lived under a despotic rule which engenders hatred, we must implant in them an appreciation for a government which permits its citizens so much freedom that they are free to speak and write as they choose.

He closed with a fine apostrophe on "I am Education"—

I am the parent of progress, creator of culture, moulder of destiny. Philosophy, science and art are the works of my hand. I banish ignorance, discourage vice, disarm anarchy.

The school is my workshop; here I stir ambitions, stimulate ideals, forge the keys that open the door to opportunity. I am the source of inspiration; the aid of aspiration. I am irresistible power.

The Masonic Veterans keep up their organization and thus summarize their modest virtues:

If all the merit I shall reap
Lies in the simple faith I keep,
Pleased with my neighbors, friends
Who tested oft and found me true,
Though far behind the great I trailed,
God will not say that I have failed.

The Correspondence Review is by M.W. Bro. Charles L. Brockway.

He reviews Canada 1924 approvingly and quotes largely from Grand Master Drope saying:

Concerning two old Masons, dependent upon strangers, he says: "We are not doing our full duty as Masons when we allow these brethren who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and who, in the years that have been relegated to the almost forgotten past, have kept the torch of Masonry alight, to spend their sunset years under circumstances that are undesirable and unsatisfactory.

His suggestion that the possession by a lodge of a standard pronouncing dictionary would be of great service in settling questions of the proper pronunciation of words in the ceremonies and rituals, is good.

He approves of the District Deputy Grand Masters' system and their reports saying:

Even to one unacquainted with the conditions they are interesting, and show that the work of inspection and visitation and instruction is in capable hands.

The Reports of the several Boards show careful scrutiny and attention to details committed to each.

Under Colorado he comments on a live topic:

Calling attention to the matter of soliciting subscriptions for so-called Masonic publications or securing signers to petitions addressed to Congress, at the same time representing that the Masonic fraternity endorses such publications and petitions, and that Masons who decline to join in the request are not doing their duty, he addressed a letter to the lodges, viz:

The Grand Lodge of Colorado is the Supreme Masonic authority in this state. It publishes no magazines and endorses none. It represents the brazen claims of certain publications that they are Freemasonry's representatives.

The great work at the Home of the Mayos is commended under Minnesota:

The fraternal work at Rochester endorsed and supported by Grand Lodge shows fine results and is accomplishing much good in a variety of ways.

Virginia gives him the following verse and thought with which we close our review:

"Brethren, you are writing each day a letter to men;
Take care that the writing is true;
'Tis the only Masonry that some will ever read,
The Masonry according to you'."

The thought expressed in the foregoing is, in the view of this writer, the one that should be impressed upon all Masons.

John K. Kutnewsky, Redfield, M.W. Grand Master.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, R.W. Grand Secretary.

TASMANIA

M.W. Bro. Henry L. D'Emden, Grand Master.

A special meeting was held at Glenorchy to dedicate Ubique Lodge, 21st March, 1925.

A special meeting was held at Fingal, 28th March, 1925 to lay the foundation-stone of the new Temple for the Lord Carrington Lodge.

Half yearly Communication was held at Hobart 29th August, 1925, at which the minutes of the Annual Communication held at Launceston 28th February, 1925, were confirmed.

This tribute was paid to the late Bro. Steer, Senior Grand Warden:

One who was a pattern for young Masons to follow. He was always at his post, always to be depended upon for his assistance and advice for so many years, and a notable example of industry in connection with all Masonic work.

Among the rulings of the Board of General Purposes is the following:

A lodge asked for a ruling as to the correctness, or otherwise, of brethren standing to order with the S. of F. on entrance of a visiting Wor. Master. The Board replied that although the custom has been adopted by some of the lodges, apparently as a matter of courtesy to the visiting W.M., the Board is unaware of any authority for its use.

The Grand Master and other Grand Officers represented Tasmania at the second Conference of Delegates from the Grand Lodges of Australia held at Adelaide, and report a large and brilliant assembly and much hospitality. The Board lent the sum of £500 to the brethren at Fingal for building their Temple.

A motion that all Grand Lodge Officers' fees be appropriated to benevolence was unanimously carried and the proposed contribution of every lodge for every initiate of £2, 2s. was considered and action subsequently deferred.

Three months will hereafter be required after the meeting at which a candidate is proposed, before ballot is taken, and also the following requirements:

No member of a lodge shall be eligible to propose or second the nomination of a candidate for Initiation unless he has been a Master Mason for a period of not less than two years and has personal knowledge of the candidate for a period of not less than one year and is prepared to vouch for his character and fitness to become a Freemason.

The proposal to exchange notices between all lodges as to candidates proposed was referred back for further consideration after long discussion.

The Grand Master reported that there had been a net increase of members for the half year of 87, many members having left the State.

The Grand Master said:

It has been a source of gratification to me to learn that some of the lodges are devoting attention to the subject of Masonic Lectures for the instruction of the brethren, and if this course is further pursued, I feel sure it will give great satisfaction to members generally.

A special meeting was held at Hobart 14th October, 1925, to confirm previous resolutions.

From the oration delivered by Grand Master D'Emden at the laying of the foundation-stone for Ubique Lodge we take the following extracts:

The North has always been considered Masonically a place of darkness, because the sun in its course never reaches farther than 23 degrees 28 minutes north of the equator. The East is the place of the sun's daily birth, and is, therefore, highly revered, and so

Lux e tenebris, meaning light out of darkness, is placed upon our Foundation Stone, expressive of the object of Masonry, and of what the true Mason supposes himself to have attained.

David enumerates them as among the greatest blessings that we enjoy, and speaks of them as "wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

Thus does this mystic ceremony instruct us to be nourished with the hidden manna of righteousness, to be refreshed with the Word of the Lord, and to rejoice with joy unspeakable in the riches of Divine grace, and is also to remind us that in the pilgrimage of human life we are to impart a portion of our bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of our wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of consolation into the wounds which sickness has made in the bodies or affliction has rent in the hearts of our fellow travellers.

The Level is a symbol of equality, not of that social equality which would destroy all distinctions of rank and position, and beget confusion, insubordination, and anarchy, but of that fraternal equality which, recognizing the Fatherhood of God, admits as a necessary corollary the brotherhood of man, and in this view it teaches us that all men are equal, subject to the same infirmities, hastening to the same goal, and preparing to be judged by the same immutable law.

From his oration delivered at the dedication of the Temple at Glenorchy the following are outstanding paragraphs:

Tradition informs us that originally Masonic lodges were dedicated to King Solomon, because he was our first Grand Master. In the 16th century, St. John the Baptist was considered as the peculiar patron of Freemasonry., but subsequently the honour was divided between the two Saints John, the Baptist and the Evangelist.

Among the changes and disappointments of life how comforting is the thought that human sympathy, human fellowship, and human brotherhood—grand characteristics of our institution—are the same throughout the ages, growing more sacred and lasting as time speeds on.

A Masonic lodge is an institution that makes for good in the world, and the man that assails it strikes a blow at morality and virtue.

"O fortunate, O happy day,
When a new household finds its place
Among the myriad homes of earth.
Like a new star just sprung to birth,
And rolled on its harmonious way,
Into the boundless realms of space."

The oration of the Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Greenwood at Fingal was a fitting comment on a function which we wish we could more frequently observe in Canada.

If I judge rightly, this is an opportune time to call to mind some of the great principles for which our Order stands, for we owe it even to the non-Masonic world, as well as to ourselves, to make plain that this future building will be part of a great organization that stands for far more than mere social fellowship, but is four-square for those great principles which have helped to build up and mould our present day advanced civilization.

Ours surely is an Order whose history goes far back into the mists of antiquity, that has grown to be a force permeating the life of many countries, reaching out to the four corners of the earth and ever presenting to men's minds that rule of conduct that strengthens, ennobles, and develops the character.

And lastly I see in this great Society of men, which to-day is marking an important step in its history, a "Force making for Intellectual Advancement." It expects of its members ability to appreciate its symbols, it urges a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and as a moral science, receptivity to assimilate its great principles of human conduct.

Life's work well done,
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won,
Now cometh rest.
So mote it be.

Tasmania is represented with us by R.W. Bro. A. F. Webster, and R.W. Bro. H. J. Wise represents Canada near Tasmania.

W. H. Strutt, Hobart, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE

M.W. Bro. Charles W. Polk, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication was held in Nashville, January 27th, 1926.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters brought the experience of the past to the service of the present.

At the opening of the meeting the code in regard to furnishing other than official information of Proceedings to newspapers and the edict of Grand Lodge condemning illegal and unmasonic electioneering, were read.

The Grand Master submitted a businesslike address in which he said that he had executed the affairs of Grand Lodge to the best of his ability without fear or favor, aided by a loyal corps of officers.

Seven new lodges were constituted during the year and six are under Dispensation.

Of the Masonic Service Association he says:

I believe that the Masonic Service Association is a wonderful organization and could accomplish great good if it were possible to wake up the lodges in some way so as to get them to use the educational program that the association promulgates.

His opinion upon putting a checking rein on higher degrees, without qualification in the Craft foundation, is thus expressed:

I think no Master Mason should be allowed to petition for any other degrees that are based on membership in the Blue Lodge until he shall pass a satisfactory examination and shall have received a Certificate of Proficiency provided this certificate shall not be issued until after he has attended his own lodge regularly for at least twelve months. The penalty for attempting to evade these regulations should be punishable by suspension."

From his decisions we take the following:

East Gate Lodge refused to issue Snyder a dimit because he refused to pay a special assessment of \$25 to build a new lodge hall. I ruled that they could not refuse him a dimit on this ground and ordered his dimit issued.

I wrote Sloan of Linden, that he should desist from meddlesome activities in other lodges than his own. Went to Perry Lodge where I was trying to settle a matter and he interfered with a Committee I had appointed to try the case.

I ordered Bro. Chandler to send Bro. Byrd to Chattanooga, to warn the brethren to conform to the spirit of the Ritual.

Manila Lodge, wanted to know what to do with an entered apprentice brother who had been made a Mason in an Arkansas Lodge, but had forgotten the name and number of the Lodge. I advised that he would have to get a certificate and waiver or start all over again.

He gave permission to initiate ten candidates at a meeting holding (too liberally we think) that the obligation is the act that makes a man a Mason of any Degree, to this means, he says, that not more than five shall be obligated at one time.

Of the Order of the Eastern Star he says:

The Order of the Eastern Star has been such an ever present help in the time of need that we have come to look upon them as one of our principal aids and support in all our Home work.

This Order has a wonderfully close connection with some of our Southern Jurisdictions, and the danger is apparent when we read in the same address in which he speaks of "Mother Schafer", "Sister Scheibler" and "Sister Crittenden". They appear however to be indispensable in aiding in visitations to some of the Masonic Homes.

An old veteran master, frequently re-elected, having become dictatorial and arbitrary, the Grand Master says:

I therefore suspended Bro. L. from his office as Master and from the privileges of Masonry for one year. In my investigations of this case I became more thoroughly convinced than ever that no man should be continued in office as Master for any great length of time, as it has a tendency to cause him to become autocratic and arbitrary to the detriment of the welfare of the lodge.

Membership 49,264. Net gain 1606.

Past Grand Masters A. B. Andrews of North Carolina and A. L. Randell of Texas, were honoured visitors.

From one of the memorial tributes we take this verse:

"Night came,
Releasing him from labor.
When a hand as from Darkness
Touched him and he slept."

The Committee on Education give a brief but able report saying:

The percentage of illiteracy in Tennessee is a disgrace to every patriotic citizen. Illiteracy in the southern States has long been a menace to our development and prosperity. As Masons we are obligated to disseminate light and knowledge. As a rule you are the most influential citizens.

Our young people can't begin to meet the issues of tomorrow on the preparation we had. Competition is keener, the struggle is more intense and the demand for service is more imperative as we advance with the arts of civilization.

If the Masons of Tennessee would dedicate themselves to the welfare of our rural schools we would soon revolutionize the educational standing of the State.

From the Historical Committee's report we take the following suggestive citations:

But this Committee has naught to do with the prospective undertakings of the Craft; and but little indeed, with what is now in progress, except to suggest that each new event or accomplishment be faithfully recorded, "*Lest we Forget.*"

The legitimate province of your Committee is largely to review the past; to dig beneath the debris of the years long gone, and recover the buried records of achievement, in memory of those who paved the way.

All that could be justly made available, to the work of recovering old records and gathering information that is indispensable in the preparation of a comprehensive history of the Masonic activities of the Grand Lodge and its constituents; as well as enough of the life record of our leading Craftsmen to preserve a creditable account of their connection with the Craft, and the ennobling influences of their lives.

There are 102 boys in the Home and 37 old people. The girls are also provided for.

Apparently the Jurisprudence Committee approve the ruling of the Grand Master, but the reason is not at all convincing. There should be no congestion. They say adroitly:

It has been held in this jurisdiction that the lodge could confer five degrees, close, open, and confer five more and so on without limitation of the number upon whom the degrees should be conferred. This ruling was approved by the Grand Lodge in 1920.

The law relieves Subordinate Lodges from the ofttimes congestion of work now so often confronting our Subordinate Lodges.

The whole of the amended constitution is printed in the Proceedings, a very good plan, also the edicts of Grand Lodge. Ignorance of the law can excuse no member.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson of Toronto, represents Tennessee. Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. George T. Wofford of Johnson City.

The Correspondence Review is in the hands of the acting Chairman, Bro. C. H. Smart, who adopts an independent attitude from the start and offers criticisms freely. In his introduction he says:

In our review we have spoken of matters as we found them. We have not called a spade a shovel, but have given it its proper name. Actions of Grand Masters and committees have been freely criticized, and for our criticism we have no apologies to make.

His comment on Alberta is as follows:

He granted a dispensation to bury with Masonic honors a Fellow Craft, who was killed the day he was to have been raised. From time immemorial it has been handed down to the fraternity that Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts cannot be buried with Masonic honors, and yet here comes a Grand Master who grants a dispensation to do a thing which he knows is not only a violation of the law, but the setting aside of all precedents. Why, an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft cannot even appear in a Masonic funeral procession.

Under California he says:

Brother James Lewis Matthews submits the correspondence report of the committee. They refrained from expressing their personal opinions, confining their review to the general subjects of Masonic importance. "Their modesty bespeaks their merit," but we believe in having an opinion and expressing it. If things don't meet your ideas of right and wrong, fight 'em to a frazzle.

He quotes approvingly the address of the Grand Master prepared by the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master of Canada and sweepingly condemns the K.K.K. After quoting with approval Grand Master Drope, he adds:

He might have added that a Mason cannot be a Mason, and be a member of the K.K.K. Masonry does not forbid it, but Fraternity and Toleration do.

Our Correspondence Review is thus commented on and we are glad he has found matter of appreciation:

In introducing his quotations from our Committee on Education's report, he says, "Education is a great problem in Tennessee, and it has a challenge which the brethren meet." Of course they do.

Brother Chambers wrote the report and is entitled to all the credit.

Here is another little miss:

"Our colleagues are fond of poetry and do not allow it to waste its sweetness on the desert air."

Brother Chambers sure was a lover of poetry and, as Brother Ponton says, did not allow it to waste its sweetness on the desert air. His colleagues on the committee were not so poetical as their chief.

Brother Ponton writes a splendid report, and from the proceedings of each Grand Jurisdiction he extracts all the meat there is in the cocoanut.

Under England he says:

The total attendance was 958. As will be noticed, our English brethren do not omit civil and honorary unmasonic titles.

He estimates the number of lodges under the English Jurisdiction at 4,005. There are more.

Illinois persuades him to comment vigorously:

With over a quarter of a million Master Masons in Illinois it seems to us he could have commissioned enough brethren to proceed to the lodge rooms of the offenders and arrest enough charters to make the balance sit up and take notice.

Of what use is it for Grand Masters to say, "there is no connection between the Klan and Freemasonry?" Why not come out squarely and fairly and say "a Mason cannot be a member of the Klan?" He cannot and live up to the teachings of Masonry. He cannot steal the livery of heaven to serve the devil in. Let the Grand Lodge pass an edict requiring Subordinate Lodges to drop from the roll all Masons who are members of the Klan after sufficient notice, and the world will then be convinced that "there is no connection between the Klan and Freemasonry."

And under Wisconsin we find the following:

Why, that is easy. If a lodge wants to know if it can rent its hall to the K.K.K., they will have to ask the Grand Master. If they want to know if they can meet in a hall owned by other parties in which the K.K.K. meet, they must write the Grand Master. If they want to know if they can meet in a hall used by the K. of P., Woodmen of the World, Eastern Star, or the Sons and Daughters of I Will Arise, they must ask the Grand Master.

Regarding non-attendance at funerals, he says:

"To assist in the burial of a deceased brother is one of the most sacred duties of a Master Mason. Every Mason, even at a sacrifice, or at some inconvenience, to himself, should feel in duty bound to render this last service to a worthy member of the craft, even though it may have been asked for an utter stranger."

True, brother, true. You look at it in the right light, but how about the fellow who doesn't attend? The family of the brother who never attends a Masonic funeral howls the loudest when he comes to die and but a quorum shows up to deposit him in the grave.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication will be held in Nashville, January 26th, 1927.

Andrew E. McCulloch, Maryville, M.W. Grand Master.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, R.W. Grand Secretary.

TEXAS

M.W. Bro. Guinn Williams, Grand Master.

Beautifully executed portraits of the Grand Master and of verteran Past Grand Master Sayers add to the human interest of this largest of all volumes of Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions of the world.

Special Communications were held for laying the foundation stones of Homes and Schools and for the funeral services of an honoured Past Grand Master, a custom which should be adopted in Canada as in all Jurisdictions. The Rulers of the Craft are entitled to general Grand Honors for lives well lived as leaders.

Before calling the Grand Lodge to labor a program of welcome addresses was given by the Master Masons of Waco and "God of our Fathers" was sung.

Bro. Hale delivered an address from which we take this paragraph:

We would not detract from the beauty and grandeur of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, emblazoned across the South, nor would we overlook Truth and Relief here at the North, but we would, this morning, my brethren, as you assemble here for the convening of the Grand Lodge, have you to pause and permit the Blue Lodge Masons of Waco to point humbly to Brotherly Love as the sentiment that is uppermost in our minds and hearts as you come to sojourn among us for these few days.

Right well do we know that your labors here will be founded upon the supports of Wisdom, Truth and Beauty.

The Ninetieth Grand Communication was held in Waco, December 2nd, 1925.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters, (who apparently revert to the rank of R.W. at the conclusion of their year of office) shed their mellow light on the East.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Elmer Renfro.

Master Masons of over 40 years good standing were individually introduced and honoured.

From the Grand Master's comprehensive address, as spacious as his Jurisdiction, we take the following:

As your Grand Master I would be untrue to my trust did I not speak with frankness, though with a spirit of brotherly love and kindness, in calling your attention to matters that I consider not only deplorable and serious, but bordering upon the impairment of our Ancient Landmarks and of the future usefulness of our beloved Fraternity.

At many places visited, I have been confronted with the question from Brother Masons, "How can we stop the factional and unjust blackballing in our lodges?" or "How can we stop this or that trouble which has been injected into subordinate lodges?" The looseness with which the governmental affairs of some of our lodges are being handled is appalling and the consideration given to the enforcement of Masonic law is even worse.

My conception of Freemasonry is expressed very forcibly on page 20 of the Grand Lodge Laws. "The purposes of this Grand Lodge are to advance the moral and social interests of its membership; to foster good citizenship, honest industry and upright living; to cultivate the exercise of charity in its best and broadest sense; to assist the widows and orphans of its deceased members; to stimulate friendship, harmony and brotherly love; and generally to promote in its own way the happiness of mankind—it is a Fraternity of good men linked together by indissoluble bonds, to accomplish these noble purposes, eschewing all interest in factional politics and sectarian religion and free from the dictation of both.

It has been, and is being, exploited by such members in business of different natures and kinds and many of the brethren have by promoters of business and organizations been led to believe that it was their duty as Masons to take an interest in such business institutions or join such organizations; and many brethren have been thus deprived of their money.

Such use or exploitation of Masonry is contrary to Masonic law and against the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity and, while I have done this with firmness, it has been with a spirit of toleration and brotherly love.

As to the K.K.K. he speakes out:

Your Grand Master visited a lodge where the activity of said organization was such that an officer of the lodge made the statement to me unsolicited that the Masonic lodge had become dormant and inactive due to the fact that the Klan had virtually absorbed the Masonic lodge; and it was said that the lodge was doing nothing,

The propaganda of said organization combined with its activities, which in almost every case leaves the profane under the impression that it is a part of Masonry or is being sponsored by Masons has caused practically all of the discord, strife and dissension existing in many of our lodges today and has kept many good men from joining the Order.

A lodge having contrary to law indulged in the use of intoxicants at meetings and because of their failure to

enforce the Masonic law, their charter was arrested.

The Grand Master calls attention with pride to the wonderful work being done in their Homes and Schools at Forth Worth and at Arlington.

He visited over 300 subordinate lodges, a great year's record.

Of commercializing Masonry or using it collectively he says:

We should be careful at all times to guard against any attempt to commercialize or exploit Masonry for an individual and selfish interest, and endeavor to teach and impress upon the Craft to use Masonry for the lofty purpose of correcting the evils and errors in men's lives and bring them to a true realization of their individual responsibility to the Brotherhood, their families, to humanity in general, and their duties to God and thus make the Order in our Grand Jurisdiction truly a body of men working without selfish purpose in the fear of God, for the betterment of community, State and Nation.

Twenty-nine corner-stones were laid. We in Canada should re-establish this honourable custom.

From one of his In Memoriam circulars we take this verse:

"Thou goest thy way, and I go mine,
Apart, yet not afar;
Only a thin veil hangs
Between the pathways there are.
God keep watch 'tween thee and me,
This is my prayer.
He looketh thy way, He looketh mine,
And we are near."

From his twenty-four rulings we chose two:

A protest in order to be effective, must be filed with the Worshipful Master.

We have a candidate who was rejected by two blackballs two years ago. He desires to petition the lodge again. Shall we wait two years from the time he petitioned or two years from the time he was rejected?

Answer—Wait two years from time he was rejected.

He held also that a demitted Mason who criticized the Craft privately and publicly in his pulpit was guilty of a Masonic offence and could and should be disciplined.

Bro. Lively addressed Grand Lodge most convincingly on the Masonic Service Association in connection with Education saying incidentally:

To my mind the fairest fruit that this world holds up to our Maker is a well rounded, conscientious, educated and serviceable man. Therefore, my brethren, let each of us construct our moral and Masonic edifice by the lessons of the Great Lights.

On the presentation of a P.G.M. Jewel to M.W. Bro. Williams, M.W. Bro. Arnold said:

I now pin it upon your breast with the greatest satisfaction that I have had in some time, because I have watched your course, and whether I approved it or not, none of your friends has doubted but that your judgment has been the best you know how to bestow, and when a man does that, the world may condemn him today and glorify him tomorrow.

Those of us that never suffered wounds don't know anything about it, and those of us who have known what they are, appreciate the man that can stand erect, and stand by his judgment and let the world, the flesh and the devil take its course.

M.W. Bro. Bryan the new Grand Master said:

Assist me, my brethren, in that great duty of living a life that we have been taught to live by the symbols of Freemasonry. Bring no reproach upon this great Institution throughout the coming year.

I am going to lean heavily upon you, and I am going to expect you to respond.

Pages dedicated to the memory of 14,032 Master Masons true and loyal, occupy the centre of the Proceedings with these verses among many others:

"Living stones in that Spiritual Building—
That House not made with hands,
Eternal in the Heavens."

"Behold the Spirits of the Just,
Whose Faith is changed to Sight."

The personnel of all the constituent lodges is given.

The Correspondence Report is again by M.W. Bro. S. M. Bradley well known to all the great circle of the Craft, and his Foreword takes the form of a statistical estimate of the lodges in the world, claiming that there are 29,675 lodges and 4,411,341 members, of whom the United States claim 3,063,095.

There are nearly 6,000 guests in the Masonic Homes of the United States alone and most of them having farming lands which greatly reduce the operating expense. The assets of the United States Masonic Homes are over \$18,000,000.

Under Arkansas after quoting the Committee on Masonic Law as to the duty of the Junior Warden when notified of a conviction of a member for violating the prohibition laws, and the Masonic rule in that State making a certified copy of conviction conclusive evidence, (differing from ours) our colleague says:

If conviction in the courts of selling a pint of whiskey deserves the Masonic death penalty, what are you going to do with the man who is convicted of the crime of drinking a pint of whiskey, or of stealing his neighbor's horse? In other words, is it a greater crime to sell a pint of whiskey than it is to drink the whiskey and get good and drunk? "O Consistency, thou art a jewel."

He offers this felicitation to California:

We note that there are twenty-one living Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of California. It looks like the Grim Reaper is showing partiality to our brethren of California.

Of Bro. Block's usual review under Iowa he says:

It seems to be a chronic habit of Brother Block to write a very interesting report, replete with appropriate comment.

Missouri gives him this nugget of spiritual truth:

Never surrender a single one of our ideals, and always remember that the spiritual is far more important than the material. What I am struggling to say is thus expressed by Emerson:

"Great men are they who see that the spiritual is stronger than
any 'material force.'"

and to that end, this is our prayer, poetically expressed:

"God give us men."

He characterizes the report of M.W. Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston of Virginia, as a store-house of Masonic information well selected.

We find "Canada" at the end of the review under Ontario and he singles out many passages from M.W. Bro. Drope's annual address and activities, referring to the late M.W. Bro. Robertson who had been a Mason for 62 years.

He pays the Grand Master this tribute a so and the District Deputy Grand Masters are praised for good work well done:

We wish all Masons in Texas could read and study his advice on qualification of officers of lodges.

Judging from the reports of the 32 District Deputy Grand Masters, the office of District Deputy Grand Master is not an empty honor.

He says the Grand Lodge has no Masonic Home unfortunately. The adverb is his and we agree.

Of our correspondence review he is kind enough to say and we appreciate his generous recognition:

The report as a whole is a splendid piece of literary effort, punctuated with comment and quotations. Like the writer, Brother Ponton seems to like a little verse now and then, as we find a few lines of poetry on almost every page, always in quotation marks. Texas, 1923, is allotted six of his pages, with liberal quotations and fraternal comment.

Brother Ponton devotes two of his pages to a rather complimentary notice of our report for 1923, which is greatly appreciated, whether deserved or not. We hope that some time Brother Ponton, who is the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas, near the Grand Lodge of Toronto, will pay our Grand Lodge a visit and see what a big country we have in Texas. The door will be open any time he can come and he won't need a passport, as they require in Europe, when you want to cross the boundary line between two countries. All he will need will be a through ticket. We would like for him to see our Masonic Home and School, with its 400 happy boys and girls, and our Home for Aged Masons with 100 old people living in comfort and contentment.

Of Quebec's Grand Master he says:

It appears that Grand Master Shatford served in the dual capacity of Grand Master and minister of the Gospel.

His conclusion is brief but full and in his review he has mingled both prose and poetry, many fine selections being the choice of his discriminating pen:

After another pleasant conference with the brethren of the Round Table, and with the sincere hope that we have contributed as much as we have received in the way of education and information, we say au revoir, but not farewell, until we meet again.

E. R. Bryan, Midland, Grand Master.

W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

UTAH

James William Collins, Grand Master.

The biography of the new Grand Master, Benjamin R. Howell, is interesting, and commences with the following standard:

Those who can satisfactorily recount the life-story of another within restricted limits, avoiding on the one hand the faults of a partizan and on the other the ear-marks of an obituary, all the while keeping within hailing distance of known facts—such are of the elect, they are born, not made. Envy of the possessor of such transcendent qualities on the part of the less fortunate should have no standing in the court of last resort.

He is a lawyer and in the last 26 years Utah has entrusted its affairs to 8 lawyers, 16 business-men and 2 preachers.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication was held in Salt Lake City, January 20th, 1925. Twelve Past Grand Masters as pillars and ornaments, present. Canada was represented by Bro. R. J. Turner.

From the Grand Master's address we garner these sentences and sentiments:

The lodges of the state are in almost every case prosperous and progressing, and peace and harmony prevail. Without exception the support given by the officers and members of the lodges of this jurisdiction during the year has been most gratifying.

It would appear to me, that the word "recommend" as defined in the Century Dictionary—"As to commend to another's notice, put in a favorable light before another, commend or give favorable representations of, bring under one's notice as likely to be of service" is not such a recommendation as would be made casually and through non-acquaintance, and if the bars are thrown down for a recommendation of such a short duration, certainly a candidate cannot come into a lodge properly vouched for and well recommended.

One lodge relieved a widow's home of a \$500 mortgage, another expended nearly as much in money and labor in remodeling the home of another widow so a revenue may be derived therefrom.

The last chapter in the remarkable Masonic fraud mentioned in previous Reviews is ended and the two men convicted of using the mails to defraud are now serving their sentences, thus vindicating the prosecution.

As to new Masonic Temples the Grand Master

strikes a note of caution which should be universally observed:

In the matter of new temples, I can see dangers if they are not properly financed because an unsuccessful undertaking would be a discredit to the Masonic organization and I therefore recommend that, before work is allowed to proceed on any Masonic Temple in this jurisdiction, the approval of the Grand Master be first obtained, so that plans may be completed and funds available before the erection of such a building is begun.

He deservedly praises the Masonic Service Association and says:

From being a doubter, I have become a warm adherent of the Masonic Service Association. I believe it offers to Masonry in the United States an instrument of great potential value, and I believe that if it had never done anything else except give to Masonry the so-called "Little Masonic Library" it would have fully justified its existence.

The Committee on Necrology quote and say:

We stretch lame hands of faith, and grope,
And gather dust and chaff, and call
To what we feel is Lord of all,
And faintly trust the larger hope.

We are missing today the older thought that life's chief glory lies in the deeper meaning of virtue. Virtue with our fathers meant manly strength. It was the crown of character.

The total membership of Utah is now 4,734 showing a net gain of 204.

The following are the wise words of the Grand Librarian:

The time to preserve historical material is today, and every day. Matters of seemingly slight significance at the time of occurrence increase in importance with the flight of time. The value of attention to details in the keeping and preservation of records of lodges cannot be overestimated, though the need for this is not appreciated at the time.

Many Corner-stones were laid by the Grand Master and appropriate pictures of the various ceremonies adorn the Proceedings. What is the matter with us in Canada in this respect?

Under Biographical and Historical Notes we read:

The men who lighted the torch of Freemasonry, in the early

days, in this jurisdiction, and who passed it on to their successors, have all disappeared, and only the faintest traces of contemporary records of their activities are to be found, and such as remain, are widely scattered and are rapidly yielding to the disintegrating touch of time.

The Report on Correspondence is wise, discriminating and philosophical. It is by R.W. Bro. S. H. Goodwin, who is also Grand Secretary, and who has certainly made his mark.

From the introductory report we cannot resist making two excerpts which will appeal to our Canadian readers and to all thinkers, as we all should be:

How fitting it is that we should see the process of shaping and developing the life Masonic under the figure of building. And how perfectly right and proper that we should seek and find in this, the oldest of the Arts, principles and suggestions for use in "the erection of our moral and spiritual edifice." Life is a process—not a finished product. The material required to carry this forward is at hand—we make such use of it as we will.

It was a keen realization of man's failure to make proper use of his opportunities in this respect, we are told, that led John Ruskin to turn to

"the study of the laws by which foundations of buildings are made firm, towers and domes massive and beautiful; and discovered that those same laws are the safeguards against the manifold forms of human error, and the sources of every measure of success."

Out of that study came that remarkably suggestive book: "The Seven Lamps of Architecture," which is a proclamation of the laws of life.

Here again words from the remarkable correspondence of that letter-writer—already twice referred to in these paragraphs—stick in the mind like cockle-burs to a sheep's back:

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. . . . And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor . . . but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. . . . Love . . . seeketh not its own."

But in spite of the blemishes, or more deep-lying defects mentioned here, the present writer comes to the end of his year's travels among the jurisdictions a confirmed optimist with reference to our Fraternity. His point of view and firm conviction can best be expressed in the words of his Gamaliel:

"My own hope is, a sun will pierce
The thickest cloud earth ever stretched;

That, after last, returns the first,
Though a wide compass round be fetched;
That what began best, can't end worst,
Nor what God blest once, prove accurst."

Under Canada after reading the Grand Master's address he says:

They do things on a fairly good-sized scale in this part of Canada. Twelve lodges were chartered during the year; interest on investments amounted to \$22,500.00 receipts from lodges \$124,000.

Grand Master Drope directed attention to one of the tragic features of the mad rush for the degrees during the three years of the post-war period. In 1922, in the Province of Ontario, 1,158 members resigned and 957 were suspended for non-payment of dues.

The conservative nature of the report on the Condition of Masonry pleases him:

This report will please all who cry out "Stand ye in the way and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way; and walk therein."

Evidently the Committee on Grand Master's Address are more restricted in their functions than are such committees on this side.

As we turn finally to the Correspondence Report, we find that which delights us very much.

Of our own review of Fraternal Jurisdiction he says:

At the out-set under Alabama, the reviewer, a "D.D.", Brother R. C. Blagrave, quotes our resolution with reference to Utah-born applicants in other Jurisdictions. It might be stated here that other members of the Committee reviewed 26 of the 62 volumes reported upon here.

Utah is dealt with generously by Brother Ponton.

Michigan gives him this opportunity of citation and comment:

"Grand Masters start out with high ideals and a burning ambition to do great constructive things for Masonry, but at the end of the year so much has been left undone that the few things accomplished seem very insignificant in the general scheme of Masonic affairs."

Undoubtedly the scheme of things which makes this the common experience of Grand Masters is the very best possible. We need the jolt that comes from the realization that we are not all-powerful. It is well to hitch our car to the stars, if we can, but it is no less a valuable experience to find that for the most part its wheels continue to rumble along on the ground.

And from his review of Wisconsin we cull the following:

However, this is true, increasingly and tremendously true, that a crying need of our people is that this Book, its great teachings, shall be to them a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. If our ears were not so filled with the clamor of many voices, the ceaseless roar of traffic and the clinking of coin in the market-place, might not we like the Cassandra of the Prophets of old, the Messenger of Lamentation, hear a Voice calling:

"Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths where is a good way and walk therein."

"Stand", that we may get our bearings (we are so rushed); "and see," whither away our present course tends; "and ask," that we may find where lie the old paths (there seem no longer to be "trunk lines"); "and walk therein"—knowledge of the right thing to do is of no value unless we do, unless we put to use this knowledge.

Benjamin Rogers Howell, Salt Lake City, Grand Master.

Sam Henry Goodwin, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT

M.W. Brother Christie B. Crowell, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual was held at Burlington, 10th June, 1925.

Canada's Representative did not answer the Roll Call.

International courtesies were exchanged:

The Grand Secretary reported an exchange of telegrams of congratulation with the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Oregon, Wisconsin and Manitoba. then in session.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present doing duty.

The Grand Master said:

But though the slow steps may be a little slower and the gray heads a little grayer, the fires of fraternal friendship burn all the brighter as time passes on and the pleasures of brotherhood here realized which have come to fill so large a place in our hearts and lives bring us keener satisfaction from year to year as we meet in Annual Communication, and prove no small incentive to efficient service during the months which intervene.

These messages of good-will and good cheer go a long way toward smoothing out the rough places and lend inspiration and en-

couragement in all good works. Many a time have they proved ot be like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

It has long seemed to me that a short résumé of important new legislation and events of special interest should be given to the brethren as soon as possible after Grand Lodge and accordingly I followed the custom in other Jurisdictions and sent out a letter after the session. Judging from the comments received the letter met with your approval and I recommend that my successors go and do likewise.

It is good for him, and for his Grand Lodge to fraternize with brothers of neighboring jurisdictions, observe, discuss, and keep in touch with current Masonic thought and custom and become thereby better fitted to dispense Masonic light and knowledge in his own field.

During the late war a band of prominent Masons discovered that their efforts to aid and serve needy brethren on the battle front and elsewhere across the water were very largely ineffective because of the lack of a central Masonic organization through which this work might be sponsored and directed.

For a good while past thoughtful Masons have recognized the great need of a new type of Masonic literature containing food more readily assimilated than the usual Masonic meal—even predigested if that be a proper way to put it. To meet both of these needs there was formed in 1918 the Masonic Service Association which in spite of opposition and discouragement due very largely to misunderstanding of its plans and purposes has grown to be one of the outstanding Masonic organizations of the country.

He comments favourably on De Molay and of course unfavourably on using lodge-rooms for card parties and dances, but appears to condone the use for other purposes, although there appears to be a disapproving touch in the following as to our lady friends:

Bear this in mind also: Where lodge rooms are to be used by Chapters of the Eastern Star, the Masonic paraphernalia with the exception of the altar Bible, and electric fixtures, should be stored under lock and key during such occupancy and never left exposed to criticism and remark. This paraphernalia is for our use alone and should be kept sacred for such purpose.

Leave as little as possible to feed the type of mind which is regarded as inquiring by its possessor and as prying by others.

He concludes:

If we Masons of Vermont from the youngest entered apprentice in the northeast corner to the Most Worshipful Grand Master who presides in the Grand East, fix our eyes on the banner of blue on which is inscribed in golden letters the words "Brotherly Love" and live and work in that spirit we need never fear for the welfare of Masonry or for the success of its labors.

Master Masons, 18,682. Net gain 226.

The Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers say:

For the education, advancement and assistance to the younger brothers among us any organization of whatever name ought to receive our encouragement.

The Committee on Jurisprudence disapprove of any *precedent* being established as to the use of lodge-rooms, but suggests the following as a possible motion:

Except a lodge may permit the use of its rooms to the Order of DeMolay.

Canada is represented by R.W. Bro. George B. Wheeler, and Vermont with us is represented by R.W. Bro. William H. Tudhope of Orillia.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, P.G.M., a name well known to us.

Under Alabama he thus comments:

Among decisions made by the Grand Master, is the following remarkable for the simplicity of the individual seeking the answer:

It is not a Masonic offense to worship in a Catholic Church. What a commentary on the effect of sectarian bigotry is such a question.

Alberta gives him the following:

The following are some of the writings on Masonic symbolism which are specially recommended:

"Symbolical Masonry, an interpretation of the three degrees. H. L. Haywood, 1923.

"Symbolism of the Three Degrees." Oliver Day Street, 1923.

"The Historical Landmarks," Rev. Dr. Geo. Oliver, 1846.

"Signs and Symbols." Rev. Dr. George Oliver, 1826.

"The Keystone." J. T. Lawrence, 1913.

Canada is favourably and carefully reviewed. He says:

We also recommend the Grand Master's remarks which follow to the thoughtful consideration of our brethren in Vermont:

The attention of some of the lodges is directed to the misunderstanding that is gaining ground that Grand Lodge should furnish all the funds for benevolence. This is a mistaken idea.

The Grand Master reports the initiation of eight brothers in one day, a special dispensation having been granted for the purpose. This is likely to be the world record.

The D.D.G.M's reports are for the most part comprehensive and well written. A careful reading of them all would give one a great deal of information on the state of Masonry.

The following excerpt from the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry speaks for itself. Let all concerned take due notice thereof.

Anyone who reads the reports of other Grand Lodges must be struck with the change that has come over the relationship or attitude of the Craft in some jurisdictions, towards controversial questions of public policy.

The report on Correspondence is in the main from the pen of Bro. Ponton. All the reviews are excellently written, and the excerpts carefully chosen. Vermont is thoroughly reviewed, with approving quotations from Grand Master's address. We so admire the form and sentiment of Bro. Ponton's conclusion that we present it for the delectation of your brethren.

Under England we read:

An event mentioned by the Pro Grand Master was the consecration of Lodge No. 4626, which, by the way, is located at the famous Monte Carlo.

The Grand Master of Scotland was officially welcomed by the Pro Grand Master. We quote from his response the following words pregnant with good sense:

"There is a very special reason, I think, for Freemasons, at the present moment, to make every effort in their own lives, and in the lives which they can influence, to help and to steady the country."

M.W. Christie B. Crowell, Brattleboro, Grand Master.

M.W. Henry H. Roßs, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA)

His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, M.W. Grand Master.

F. T. Hickford, M.A., LL.B., M.W. Pro Grand Master.

Quarterly Communication 18th March, 1925.

Grand Representatives from Queensland, New South Wales and South and West Australia were welcomed. Canada was at all the meetings faithfully represented by R.W. Bro. W. Kemp.

A brother having been sentenced to four years imprisonment for a crime was suspended for four years and not expelled because sentence had been suspended by the Court under a bond for good behaviour.

A message of sympathy was given to His Excellency the Grand Master on the death of his beloved son the Honourable Christopher Rous.

The total receipts for the year show the handsome sum of £3,800 Sterling and the Benevolent Fund amounts to nearly £80,000. Well done Victoria!

Total membership 38,392, net increase 3,809, over 10%. Again well done!

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed His Excellency as Grand Master, Grand Honors were given and the choir sang:

Full and harmonious, let the joyous chorus
Burst from our lips in one glad song of praise,
Hail to the Art whose glory beameth o'er us,
Loud to the heav'ns above our voices raise.

Ages have passed since first our Art descended,
Ages on ages may it yet remain.
Join every heart in one full chorus blended,
Long may our noble Art high state maintain.

Here every generous sentiment awaking,
Music inspiring, unity and joy
Each social pleasure, giving and partaking,
Glee and good humour our hours employ.

Thus then combining, hands and hearts joining,
Long may continue our unity and joy.

The Grand Master in his buoyant and vigorous address spoke of the magnificent gathering and it was indeed magnificent for more than 6,000 Masons were gathered together. He said:

There have been a number of resignations and deaths, too many resignations, I think, and as I have said on previous occasions, in my opinion the reasons for so many resigning are that, owing to the great number of initiations, there is great repetition of the work at the lodge meetings.

To provide for the great increase in our numbers during the last year, no less than 30 new lodges were constituted.

The brethren are to be highly commended for their zeal and devotion to the true interests of our institution, and I particularly noticed the care that had been taken in all details in following out the lines on which we are told the Temple was built, and in the very careful selection of the woods for the panelling and furniture, which contributed so greatly to the harmonious and beautiful appearances of the interiors of the Temples. The addition of Masonic libraries will make the Temples more complete.

The present prosperous condition of Freemasonry in this territory makes one pause and consider whether it would not be wise to take stock of our position. "When the gale too prosperous blows, it might be wise to shorten sail."

I have on previous occasions indicated the necessity of brethren equipping themselves with knowledge of Masonic history and tradition: true knowledge strengthens the character: our Ritual and teachings enshrined therein are better understood when we know the historical setting and when their full meaning and significance is explained. But, after all, the corner stone of Masonic structure is Charity in its broadest and most genuine sense, and as the word is translated now in the more recent editions of the Volume of the Sacred Law, by the word Love: there is charity of Tolerance, the charity of the recognition of the opinions of others, and the charity involved in assisting others less fortunate than ourselves. The charitable impulses of the brethren are most praiseworthy. The Masonic Homes in Punt Road demonstrate the anxiety of the brethren to bring happiness into the lives of the aged and infirm. Should we not extend these charitable impulses? Probably it would not be too much to say that an organization becomes permanently stable and secure in proportion to the institutions connected with it. English Freemasonry is a typical example of this proposition. The great institutions there of the Girls' and the Boys' Schools, the Homes and the annuities for the aged, and the Masonic Hospital, emphasize how our English Freemasonry, has established itself in the life of the community. It is always advisable to have some definite purpose and some concrete aim as our desire. The English institutions had small beginnings, but the tiny rivulet grows into the large flowing river.

The Grand Secretary as in so many Jurisdictions this year received his meed of praise as all Grand Secretaries are entitled to receive them.

The Grand Secretary continues to carry out his duties with an urbanity that is not to be disturbed by any upheaval, however volcanic.

The Grand Master concluded with both greetings and farewell as follows:

This, brethren, is the last time that I shall have the honor of being installed as your Grand Master, and the memory of this great occasion will certainly never fade from my memory. As I look round this vast gathering of 6,000 Masons, the largest gathering that has

ever been assembled for an Installation Ceremony in Australia, I realize how true and how great is the loyalty of the brethren in this jurisdiction, and I sincerely trust that the fact of our all meeting together this evening will urge us to fresh efforts to attain to the high standards set before us. There always have been, and I fear there always will be, people in the world who delight in making strife, some who do so with the object of benefiting themselves; a strong body like ourselves can do much to counteract such evil doers.

M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, K.C. represents Victoria in Toronto.

Six travelling library sets were established by the Board and are loaned to the lodges.

King Edward Memorial Scholarship is annually presented.

Quarterly Communication 16th September, 1925.

The Grand Master commented upon the visit of the American Fleet and the inter-change of fraternal visitations with the Officers. With regard to other matters he firmly spoke:

I desire to draw the attention of the brethren to the existence of certain irregular bodies copying and adopting as far as possible the phraseology used by regularly established and properly sanctioned Masonic institutions. One such irregular body, for example, is the Order known by the name of the Eastern Star. The brethren are distinctly, unequivocally warned against having any connection or association in any way whatever with such irregular organizations, which have been formed without the sanction or approval of this Grand Lodge.

The brethren should clearly recognize that the visitation to or the recognition of such irregular bodies would be an absolute breach of their Masonic obligations, and any brother acting contrary to this pronouncement must expect to be Masonically punished.

In the Installation Ceremonies the presentation of the working tools of the Master is to be done without any explanation of the symbolism, to shorten the Proceedings.

A young brother of only a few months standing having delivered a lecture at a certain lodge in which he made some slanderous mis-statements, the Board decided as follows, of which all neophytes and Masters should take notice:

To that the Master of the Australia Felix Lodge, should be written to, expressing the regret of the Board that one so inexperienced in Freemasonry should have been permitted to deliver a lecture on Freemasonry, and the hope that nothing of a similar nature should be permitted to happen in the future; (c) That the Master of the lodge should be summoned before the Board for causing the statements referred to, to be printed and circulated in the lodge summons.

As to candidates' qualifications the Masonic conference of Grand Masters passed the following resolution:

That the Committee of Enquiry, when investigating proposals for membership in the Craft take into consideration the financial position of the candidate with respect to life insurance or other provision for himself or dependants.

As to limitation of membership the Grand Masters recommended:

That in the judgment of this Conference it is not desirable that lodges should become so large in numbers as to imperil the fraternal fellowship of their members.

And the final one coins a new word "Unfinancial":

The matter of reciprocity in protection against imposition by unattached or unfinancial brethren in visiting lodges.

A portrait was presented to the retiring Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master made a most interesting and appropriate address saying:

All students of literature know the affectionate friendship between the great Sir Joshua Reynolds and that equally great Englishman, Dr. Samuel Johnson, with all an Englishman's prejudices—good nature, integrity and solidity of purpose. Hence the wonderful portrait of Dr. Johnson by Sir Joshua is painted not only with great artistic skill, but expressive of how the great artist also was actuated by a loving *con amore* with his subject. It was therefore singularly apt and appropriate that Freemasons should employ the best artist they could find in Victoria, Mr. John Longstaff, to paint a portrait of the M.W. Grand Master to express our appreciation, esteem and affection for him, not only as the representative of His Majesty the King, not only as the M.W. Grand Master, but also as a gentleman who has fine instincts, a keen sense of duty and an ever present desire to be always at the service of the community in which he moved.

To which His Excellency the Grand Master felicitously replied, using these among other gracious words:

Freemasonry is firmly established and will still give an opportunity to the brethren throughout the world to do good work in the service of the Craft. We wish to extend to everyone the great ideals

of Freemasonry, and it will continue to be a landmark of honor and strength to all the world. I want to thank you for your presentation, and now I wish you to accept this portrait on behalf of the Freemasons of Victoria.

Quarterly Communication 16th December, 1925, recites the resolution passed on the death of Queen Alexandra and also the welcome accorded by his fellow Craftsmen to the new Governor-General His Excellency Lord Stonehaven, also a member of the Craft.

R.W. Bro. Bice was elected Grand Master unanimously.

The Foreign Correspondence is brief but comprehensive. We do not know to what brother to credit it.

Canadian Grand Lodges all receive their friendly and fraternal mesage.

The 1925 meeting of our Grand Lodge in Hamilton is briefly commented on with the following analysis as to membership:

It will be noted that the average per lodge is approximately 200 members as compared with an average of about 100 here in Victoria.

Grand Master Drope's remarks on the Ku Klux Klan are approved and quoted.

Maryland gives him this subject of comment:

Be more concerned with teaching the brethren rather than raising a large number of candidates. Look well to the outer door, and do not over-look the fact that it should swing outward as well as inward, and should our name be traduced, do not forget that the honor and good name of Masonry is in your keeping.

Wise words these, and worthy of remembrance by us all.

Under Massachusetts he says of the laying of the Cornerstone of the Hospital for Crippled Children by the Shrine at Springfield:

The Grand Master's address on the occasion was inspiring, but when the "Imperial Potentate" of the Shriners addressed the gathering we get a new vision of that body.

His comment on Massachusetts best expresses our own opinion in the following words:

The whole volume of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of

Massachusetts is profoundly interesting, and well worth careful perusal. Some of the methods of procedure are different to that adopted here, but the spirit is the same, and we may here gain much information, get an intimate personal touch with great men of another Jurisdiction, extend our general knowledge, absorb inspiration, and try to emulate their example in many respects.

W. Stewart, R.W. Grand Secretary, Melbourne.

VIRGINIA

M.W. Charles H. Callaghan, Grand Master.

A portrait of a leader among men, Charles H. Callaghan opens and adorns the Proceedings.

After details of several Emergent Meetings, the Transactions of the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Annual Communication held in the City of Richmond, February 10th, 1925, are recorded.

Grand Master Goodyear of Pennsylvania was received with all the honours.

The Grand Master's address is worthy of pages of citation. Space permits the following:

No mind can compute the extent of your combined influence for good or the latent powers you command if fully exercised for the welfare of humanity, with all the splendid record of our Grand Lodge for service and efficiency in bygone years. To be permitted through your gracious favor, to occupy the Grand East in this historic body and to guide, as it were, the destinies of the forty-odd thousand Masons in Virginia, even for a short period, is an honor so impressive and imposing, a trust so delicate and a charge so sacred that no language I command is sufficient to express the sincerity of my gratitude or to convey an adequate sense of my abiding obligation.

From observation and personal contact with a large number of our lodges, whose memberships have been materially increased in the last decade, I am certain that if we discreetly utilize this leavened force, an institution of more potential power for good will be the inevitable result. We must, therefore, be alive to the imperative needs of the situation. Those in authority should immediately take advantage of the rare opportunity presented, commandeer this vitalizing influence, and by example lead it into new spheres of useful activity. The seed is sown and we can reap the harvest. This, however, cannot be accomplished without an effort, but it can and will be accomplished by united purpose and persistent labor.

Practical philanthropy, I conceive, is the agent or temporal means to apply this indefinable spirit to man's physical uses in the most beneficent and effective manner. It is, therefore, not a pro-

found secret, that the very foundation upon which our institution stands is found and best expressed in those uplifting tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, and if we fail in a true sense to exemplify these virtues in our body politic, as well as our individual lives, then we fail in the great mission of the institution and stand out as a nugatory influence in any community.

Exultant claims of superiority and exceptional worth for our order are but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals unless supported by concrete evidence of efficient service to mankind in either a moral or practical sense. Euphonious phrases alone never relieve a widow's want, nor will high sounding platitudes stop the craving of a hungry man. Comfortable surroundings and wholesome social intercourse stimulate interest in lodge meetings and should not be discounted or discouraged.

Virginia is another State which teaches Canada its duty with regard to the Home and we quote:

The achievement of our purpose in the old folks' home movement, gratifying as it is, is not the only beneficent result attained by its success. We have awakened by this campaign latent influence, long since negative and importent, to active and constructive service. We have aroused a dormant fraternal conscience to a sense of responsibility which will serve in the future to stimulate more general vitality in the fraternity at large and clothe it with higher aspirations and increased vision. No member is requested to contribute unless he is financially able to do so.

A printing establishment is conducted in connection with the Oxford Masonic Home and the results are most encouraging:

The astonishing fact that a profit of ten thousand dollars was realized from the Oxford printing plant last year largely through the labor of the older children and that the musical department through the agency of its singing class earned in the same period the enormous sum of thirty-two thousand dollars, should convince this Grand Lodge that for our own benefit as well as that of our children we should establish at least these important features at once. In view of this I am taking the liberty in its proper place to recommend the establishment at our Home of a modern printing office or plant of sufficient capacity.

Of Masonic Education the Grand Master says:

Masonic education consists of at least four distinct branches, ritualistic, philosophic, symbolic and historic. All of these are of deep interest and I may say in a sense essential.

Of the hospitality extended to him during his visitations he responsively says:

Of this hospitality I have shared in its fullness and can say in

the language in which Braum expressed his opinion of the fame of Washington, it "is bounded by no nation and will be confined to no age." It is, with the fame of her glorious sons, the predominant, overpowering attribute.

A banquet at Washington gave him an opportunity of verifying most interesting public statistics:

Cabinet Officers, Assistant Secretaries, United States Senators, and Representatives in Congress, comprised a large portion of the audience and the astonishing fact was revealed in a statement by the presiding officer that 370 of our 435 members of Congress, four members of the Cabinet, twelve assistant secretaries and a large majority of the members of the United States Senate are Freemasons.

Among his decisions are the following:

I decided that the Secretry of a lodge has no right to furnish a mailing list of his members to any one for other than Masonic purposes.

The home of a seafaring man is where his family lives, and he has the right to petition the lodge having jurisdiction over that home.

Speaking of "*Our Herald*" published at the Home of the Virginian Masons he says:

Go down to the Home, brethren, with the Grand Lodge, on Wednesday evening, look over the premises, catch the inspiration and then go back home and tell your members what Virginia Masonry is doing for their young folks and take their subscriptions for the little journal.

Of the Washington Memorial he has these conclusions to offer:

It will by bringing together in close and intimate contact the leaders of our farflung institution, assimilate the thought and weld the affections of the widely separated sovereignties in a perpetual bondage of fraternal sympathy and affection.

Grand Lodge must be supreme in its jurisdiction over its members and he impresses this principle in the following words:

It has come to my attention that organizations making Masonry a basis for membership have been demeaning themselves contrary to the usages and laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Masons as individuals, or in groups, or in organizations as Masons, are therefore amenable to the laws and authority of the Grand Lodge. Organizations whose pre-requisite to membership is Masonic affiliation are Masons acting as such. Therefore, as a consequence, they are amenable to Grand Lodge authority. As a consequence, also, the Grand Lodge by authority inherent in it can prohibit

Masons as such from becoming members of any organization whose laws do not prevent and whose policies encourage a violation of a spirit of Ancient Craft Masonry.

His address concludes with this sentence:

It is therefore, with no sense of limited reservation that I pledge anew, whether in exalted station or as a plain member of the ranks, the best and all that is in me for the righteous cause of our noble institution and I beseech you all, with a brother's blessing, to hold high the beacon light of Masonry and in your onward course exemplify its virtues by scattering seeds of kindness along the rugged highway of human life.

The Grand Historian, Virginia's grand old man, says in his Report:

All the above thoughts led to further questioning as to when the first Masons probably came to Virginia. We have evidence that the founders of Jamestown left England seeking civil liberty.

I have on my desk a pamphlet published by the Smithsonian Institution relating in detail the discovery in North Carolina a buried lodge some six feet by nine with all the characteristics of a lodge including the skeletons of the Stationed officers with their gavels, stone pedestals, and a stone altar. Each of these were in their proper places with nothing in the north. The article is elaborate.

This goes to show, if my reasoning is correct, that there was Masonry in that lost Colony in what was then Virginia. The document is copied verbatim in the work I am slowly doing on a history of Masonry in Virginia.

The membership is now 45,561 showing a fine net gain.

Canada has for her Representative in Richmond, Bro. William S. Pettit and Virginia is represented in Canada by Bro. T. H. Brunton of Newmarket.

M.W. Bro. Joseph Eggleston, whom to meet and know is one of the greatest privileges, again has charge of the Fraternal Review and it is unnecessary to say that in his experienced and able hands the summary of the world's Proceedings is adequate and satisfying.

Under Arizona he says:

There has never been a monument erected anywhere that compares with it in style or that teaches such a lesson. Washington lived up to the high principles that actuated all his acts. He might have been King but refused for the good of his people. He, taught by Masonic principle early in life, realized that Brotherhood was

the true basis for government. His democracy was not of the communistic sort, but was a conservative recognition of the right of every man to work out his own career unhampered.

Under Canada referring to the initiation of the eight Humble brothers the reference to which he quotes in full, he says:

In nearly thirty years reading the Proceedings of all the Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence, we never saw a parallel.

Of Grand Master Drope he well says and he quotes his conclusion in full:

This unusually wise Grand Master was re-elected we are glad to see.

In our review of that year unfortunately Virginia had not reached this reviewer, which we regret very much, but we have since then, we hope, atoned.

The review of Connecticut contains the following characteristic comments:

The time has come when Masons everywhere should stop and think. We have all held our Masonry too cheaply. The result has been that individuals have organized more expensive Societies based on Masonry and are putting us to shame. Compare the cost of being a Mason to that of writing 32 or 33 after one's name or becoming eligible to wear a fez. Who would admit that there should be a comparison? Masonic lethargy is the evil that needs correcting. The remedy is at our hand and should be applied. Masonry should be made to cost more and should do more. Learning of the large number of tubercular Masons he has started a movement for their relief, to accomplish which will cost us money. It is often said that a man gets no more out of an organization than he puts into it. Charity is not charity to the contributor unless he gives to it till the giving is a real sacrifice. Everywhere dues and fees are so small as to be ridiculous. They should be raised till belonging to the order will mean something, and can really do something. Truly "the harvest is ripe." "Let's go."

Humorously and kindly under Iowa he says of a fellow veteran:

One of our pet enemies is Louis Block because he writes Masonic literature of a sort to arouse the jealousy of his inferiors. We love him as scripture dictates and because we can't help it. Our consolation after reading his reviews, is that we would write as brilliantly as he does if we had his talents, and are not responsible that we have them not.

Your lodge will be just like Brother Kipling's "Mother Lodge" where

“—Man on man got talkin,’
Religion and the rest,
An’ every man comparin’
Of the God ‘e knew the best.”

Pennsylvania gives him this opportunity for wise words:

Masonry is peculiar in the matter of prerogative, though we are sorry to say that feature does not obtain as fully as it should in some jurisdictions. The absolute power of a Master of a Lodge, chosen as he is from the membership, prevents more discord than any other system that could be devised. True, some mistakes are made, but any reasonable man when given this power, warned by the teaching of the Past Master's degree, will be all the more careful not to abuse his authority.

From Texas he gives us this extract:

Abraham Lincoln once said, “All that I am and all that I hope to be I owe to my mother.” In like manner I may say, “All that I am and all that I hope to be I owe to you, Masons of Texas.” You have given me a home. By this I mean all that the word “home” typifies—the necessities of life; the pleasures of life; and kindness, good-fellowship, and love. You are giving me an education—not just the ordinary courses taught in a public school, not just vocational courses, but an education received from the meeting, associating with, and knowing of good people. You have made it possible for me to learn of some of the best things of life.

Western Australia struck him forcibly and he comments:

We note the use of a new and striking descriptive noun, “Wes-tralian”. Whoever devised it deserves credit.

Finding so little in the Proceedings proper we began to read the Foreign Correspondence Report and marked several passages as of peculiar merit. We did not notice that it was written by several scribes and were struck with the ability of the writer. We have at last concluded that perhaps the friendly rivalry spurred each one up and that would account for the brilliancy displayed.

To quote, under Alberta:

(We knew it would come. It was inevitable. First we had the Order of the Eastern Star for women; then came the Order of De Molay for boys and here we meet the Order of Job's Daughter for girls. Did anyone mention an Order for Babies? Thank Heaven Alberta had the courage and wisdom to “file” Job's Daughters.)

Charles H. Callaghan, Alexandria, Grand Master.

J. W. Eggleston, Richmond, Grand Treasurer.

Chas. A. Nesbitt, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON

M.W. Morton Gregory, Grand Master.

The picture and biography of M.W. Bro. R. C. McCroskey one of the young Grand Masters of United States Jurisdictions, born in 1885, precede the Proceedings. It is stated that he has been eminently successful on his farm of 720 acres and that "Bob McCroskey's Clydesdales" never fail as prize winners. He brings a breath of open air and nature to the Proceedings.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication was held in the High School in the City of Hoquiam 16th June, 1925, with no less than 19 Past Grand Masters testifying the continuity of their interest in the unity of the Craft of the State of Washington.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Walter F. Meyer.

The Flag Ceremony was thus recorded:

The "Stars and Stripes", as the emblem of civil and religious liberty, was escorted to a place of honor in the East, where it was saluted in accordance with the prescribed ceremony. The brethren then joined in singing "America."

The response to the address of the Grand Representatives speaks of these ceremonial functions as symbols of relationship not only between Brother and Brother but also between Grand Jurisdictions. "They are not the empty things which some imagine, but are real entities in life's journey."

In the address of welcome by Hoquiam Lodge we read:

Crowns and thrones may perish; kingdoms wax and wane, and the centuries of the ages pass like second-hands upon the dial of life; but Masonry, whose birthpangs are, so far as I can understand, unrecorded, and whose hoary antiquity is lost in the mists and the shadows of life's earliest dawning, still remains.

The message of the Grand Master was direct and businesslike. He said:

To many, the Annual Communication renews, strengthens and perpetuates friendships already formed; to many will fall the lot here to form friendships, now new, but which will strengthen with the ensuing years, and last as long as life itself.

In 1924 he left Seattle for Alaska and there constituted Petersburg Lodge and visited other lodges at Skagway, Juneau, Douglas and other places. He found a most wholesome Masonic spirit and a high standard of work. They have laboured hard and faithfully and it was a real inspiration to visit them.

He concludes by paying an earnest tribute to their new and more adequate Home saying:

Ours will be the finest and most practical Masonic Home in America, and one that will be in keeping with the dignity and strength of this great Institution.

This is the one outstanding enterprise to which the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction are committed. No more important business will come before you at this communication than that in relation to this "Great and Important Undertaking," and I have no doubt that you will support it with a fidelity distinctively Masonic.

Freemasonry is not only an idealistic institution, but it is also a common-sense one. I think that it is the common-sense side we have been neglecting. Idealism may carry us on for awhile by its own momentum, but there must be a basic foundation of common-sense before any idealistic institution can endure. Therefore, let us not forget this fact, and apply the rule of common-sense to the working of our every-day Masonic lives.

The Committee on Relief Work say:

In the larger cities and especially seaport terminals the requirements for relief of sojourning Masons from this and foreign jurisdictions and for employment for necessitous brethren, is very much greater in proportion than in the smaller communities.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education give a most comprehensive and informing report including a bibliography of suggested works. Just one phase will serve as an example of what has been and therefore can be done and we hope that Canada will follow the lead given:

When the Little Library first appeared, the Committee hesitated to purchase five sets. We have had calls for 143 sets, fifty of which have gone into Alaska. It was also estimated that \$150.00 worth of books would amply supply all demands for the first year, whereas we have purchased for lodges and individual Masons \$1,412 28 worth of books.

As a means of disseminating knowledge, the radio supplements books, magazines and the press. Its use is not new in Masonic education. Last December, Bro. Thomas R. Marshall, former Vice President of the United States, delivered a Masonic address in

the Detroit Temple which was broadcasted. The radio has been used for more than two years in Masonic educational work in Michigan, Missouri and Iowa.

"I am the Spirit of Masonry.

"I preach the gospel of brotherly love and affection for all mankind

"I bring unto you the lessons of Faith, of Hope, and of Charity.

"I break off the corners of rough stones, the better to fit them for the Builder's use.

"I reveal to you the truth, that man must meet death to find life.

"I proclaim unto you forever the message of your patron saint, John the Evangelist.

"I AM THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY."

These In Memoriam verses close the excellent report of the Committee:

Yet in these ears, 'till hearing dies,
One set slow bell will seem to toll
The passing of the sweetest soul
That ever look'd with human eyes.

I hear it now, and o'er and o'er
Eternal greetings to the dead;
And "Ave, Ave, Ave", said,
"Adieu, adieu," for evermore.

Grand Orator W. Bro. Davis delivered an address on "Life and Its Purpose," distinctly educative in its tone and matter, with the vision splendid. He said among other things worth quoting:

Endowed temples were their outward manifestations. In Assyria and Babylonia, the Great Semitic Melting Pot, the people were very religious—all their wars were carried on in the names of their Gods. The Hindoos worshipped their God, Brahma; the Persians, Mithra; the Greeks, Adonis and Apollo. All searches for truth follow a common path, the earliest emblems of antiquity betray the kinship of the human mind with the Eternal.

God is, God in the beginning. God now, God always.

"Father of all! In every age,
In every clime adored
By Saint, by Savage and by Sage
Jehovah, Jove, or Lord!"—(Pope)

The glitter of form and display will not blind our eyes to the real truths; forms and modes will not hide the substance of "Further light in Masonry". An age of materialism, of disrespect for law, of pomp and parade, of blood-shed and disorder, will not crowd from the hearts of men the true Light.

Not because of its secrets or its mysteries, but because of the building of spiritual temples in the hearts of men. The lost word is found when we utter it in our own hearts and translate it in our own lives.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals report the usual drama of tragedy. One general comment they make is worth considering:

There must be a credit and finality given to the findings of a Tribunal, unless challenged upon substantial grounds. Unless this be so, every case would have to be tried *de novo* by this Committee, even to the extent of degree of punishment, a question which we may readily assume will always invite differences of opinion not only among the members of the lodge concerned, but among the fraternity at large.

Invitations to hold Grand Lodge at Yakima, at Juneau and at Spokane were recommended to be declined because of the unusual expense being incurred during that year in the building of the Masonic Home, and it was decided therefore to hold the Communications at Headquarters, all unnecessary expenses being avoided for the one great purpose Grand Lodge has at heart and on hand. Thus the Committee recommended but Grand Lodge accepted the Spokane invitation.

The retiring Grand Master was presented with a beautiful gavel and a silver trowel.

Membership 44,780. Net gain 1,973.

R.W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson our venerable veteran, represents Washington in Toronto.

The Correspondence Report was suddenly placed in the hands of R.W. Bro. Van Patten owing to the death of M.W. Bro. McAllaster, and he certainly rides buoyantly in the saddle, saying in his prelude:

I fully realize the difficulty of any one, especially on such short notice, trying to measure up to the standards set by Brother McAllaster, who has been in the work for some thirteen years, and who has made for himself an enviable position at the "Round Table," where sit so many able men.

I will try to give some of the most salient points of the proceedings of the English speaking Grand Lodges which come to my hand, with little or no comment, to the end that the members of the Grand Lodge of Washington may know something of the trend of Masonic doings during the past year.

From Alberta he takes this as worthy of consideration—as to the Craft:

Which teaches service as its ideal; which teaches, as Ruskin said what true democracy is, “the strength to govern and the grace to obey”. You will have been taught by this honorable organization the correct habit of thought both to yourselves and your fellow men. You will be able to exemplify that the goal of Masons, the object effort, is to add something to the already established virtues of the state, and that this can only be done by construction and not by destruction.

He reviews Canada briefly and kindly saying:

An interesting incident occurred immediately afterward, in that Past Masters, who had reached their semi-centennial were introduced and welcomed in a suitable manner, and, as an after-thought, each was later presented with a silver jewel in recognition of their fifty years of service to the Craft.

The address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was an able document, and we would like to quote from it much more.

The Grand Master gives a very happy report on his presence at the laying of the corner-stone of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

He utters a warning about boastful comment over the fact that during the past eight years the membership of Ontario has doubled.

The Report on Correspondence is signed by Bro. Ponton, I.P. G.M., in which Washington received a good review for 1923. In Brother Ponton's conclusion, we find the following:

Over land and sea, over hills and valleys, lakes and rivers, oceans and seas, wherever a Mother Grand Lodge lives and rules with beneficent sway over men of light and leading of the creative Craft universal—God be with you till we meet again.

He is far more interested in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England than are most reviewers (owing to the unfortunate leaflet form in which they come), and warms our heart by the following words:

The pleasure comes from knowing that the United Grand Lodge of England is the Mother Grand Lodge of the World, and that the Masonry of the Grand Lodge of Washington, has descended directly through the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, and Oregon to the brethren of Washington.

The business of the Grand Lodge of England being done mostly by its committees and the Board of General Purposes, the quarterly meetings are short and when a motion is going to be made, due notice is given before hand, presumably that all may have time to think over the proposition before voting. The idea seems to be a good one.

To Americans, the most interesting thing connected with the printed proceedings is the report of Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins.

He quotes at length from the "General Impressions" of R.W. Bro. Robbins, among other paragraphs the following:

Since my return home, I have had both time and opportunity to consider generally what I had learned from this visit to the United States; and the chief lesson I drew from all my experience—and this is a counsel to be given to brethren on both sides of the Atlantic—was to avoid hasty judgments formed on first impressions.

Two phases of American Masonic activity are especially to be noted—the great and growing exercise of benevolence and the ardent expansion of Temple building. In each case American Masons mainly rely on the Grand Lodge levy rather than on the voluntary system.

And thus comments:

He speaks also of the George Washington Memorial with some enthusiasm, and winds up his remarks with comments upon the "Semi-Masonic or pseudo-Masonic" American bodies, which have grafted themselves upon the body of Masonry in recent years. These bodies he does not think that Masonry, as they know it, has any use for, because they are not under the control of Freemasonry, and yet, in the eyes of the world are held to be Masonic because they are composed of Masons. He therefore admonished the Masons of England to resist the introduction of these appendant orders into England.

I have given so much space to the impressions of Brother Sir Alfred Robbins, because it is always wise to try to see ourselves as others see us, and, judging from the unfavorable comments now being made in many Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, the idea that these extra- Masonic bodies are becoming a detriment to pure Masonry is growing.

We Americans are, in the opinion of many outsiders, too much given to liking the spectacular and the showy things of life, and it must be said that there is ground for that opinion.

In Georgia he finds some gems of "purest ray serene":

Is it a good-bye and a turn of the road
To worlds beyond sight?
Is it dragging up-hill a weary load
In a scorching light?

It is morning, and evening, and noonday and night
With their shadowy paths to be trod.
It is climbing up from the valleys of man
To the wind-swept mountains of God.

From the Proceedings of Victoria, Australia, he takes the following and pays marked attention to our Australasian Jurisdictions:

At the December communication we note that M.W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe, was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and effectively eulogized by the Grand Master. In his address he said, in part:

"The reason why, at my advanced age, I submitted myself to the rigors of an Entered Apprentice (he was initiated three years before) was because I was convinced that Freemasonry holds the solution for many of the problems which confront the civilized world, and the British Empire in particular. I feel that there is a real need in the world today.

Morton Gregory, Tacoma, M.W. Grand Master.

Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, R.W. Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

M.W. Brother the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D. O.B.E., V.D. Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master.

A splendid picture of all the Grand Secretaries of Australia opens the Proceedings.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Kalgoorlie, 28th August, 1926.

The Grand Master thus begins his address in friendly fashion:

Brethren—My first words must be those of thanks to you, brethren, of the Goldfields, for welcoming us with flowers and music. It is a pleasant change from the conditions under which I first visited the Fields when water was too precious to be used for growing flowers. I must also express my sincere thanks to the Goldfields' Lodges, and the Goldfields' brethren generally, for the kind messages sent to me on the occasion of my 70th birthday.

Quarterly Communication was held at Perth, 27th November, 1924.

The Grand Master says with regard to a matter which has been discussed in Canada:

It has been reported to me that in some lodges a popular form of entertainment at the festive board is for a brother to deliver some parody on certain parts of the ritual, most frequently the investiture of a Steward. I have seen a few of these, and, while they may afford

amusement to some brethren, I cannot too strongly condemn the practice as being un-masonic and calculated to bring about a lack of reverence for our dignified and beautiful ritual and its ceremonies. I need say no more but would ask the brethren to peruse our Antient Charge No. 6, Section 2, which was designed to regulate the conduct of Freemasons at the festive board. It enjoins the brethren "to enjoy themselves in innocent mirth. . . not doing or saying anything offensive. . . not to do anything that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purpose."

He is asking earnestly for the union of all the lodges in Western Australia and approached the Grand Lodge of Scotland with suggested terms. They replied in very friendly and approving words, and referred the Grand Master to the two Scottish District Grand Masters who however declined to enter into the amalgamation proposed, as to which the Grand Master says:

I will leave the matter as it stands for the present, but I still cling to the hope that the desire for unity will find suitable expression as time goes on, and that my proposals may ultimately be found worthy of examination, or, failing this, that some alternative may be suggested to bring together all the scattered Masonic elements in the State.

The Annual Communication was held at Perth 28th May, 1925, the Grand Master, the Archbishop on the throne.

Membership is reported as 6,870, an increase of 377.

With regard to the attacks on Freemasonry in Italy by Mussolini the following will be found of great historic interest. This reviewer confesses he had not known of the original English touch:

We know that Freemasonry was founded in Italy by the Grand Lodge of England nearly two hundred years ago, and made wonderful growth, especially in Southern Italy and Sicily. Having been transplanted from England it grew up in English form with English characteristics, but later Pope Clement XII excommunicated it, and afterwards the excommunication was confirmed by Benedict XIV. These Papal Bulls in all probability threw the Craft into open revolt against the Church of Rome, and it became strongly anti-clerical, and I am afraid strongly political as well. It must be admitted, however, that included in its ranks were many of Italy's finest patriots, notably Mazzini and Garibaldi, as well as other men who cherished profoundly their civil and political liberties. There are probably about 40,000 Freemasons in Italy to-day under two separate organizations, one entitled the National Grand Lodge of Italy, which is said to follow the antient landmarks very closely, and the other more numerous and more militant in open and bitter hostility with the clerical powers. As we are not sufficiently well informed

regarding the present day position of the Craft in Italy, it would be unwise to offer any criticism, but it furnishes an object lesson to us in Australia as to what is likely to happen to Freemasonry should it meddle with religion and politics.

Canada's Representative is R.W. Bro. H. B. Collett, and Western Australia is represented with us by R.W. Bro. W. J. Mooney.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is comprehensive and is in the capable hands of Bro. J. D. Stevenson, Chairman.

Under California he says:

Masons must always remember that no matter in what capacity they may act, whether as members of other bodies, or as individuals, or as citizens, if things be done on which the world frowns the reputation of our beloved Institution will suffer.

The Grand Master of Cuba, briefly addressed Grand Lodge, and thanked the brethren "for the opportunity it has given me to express that to your efforts are due in large measure the prosperity and happiness of your beautiful State which nature has covered with sweet-smelling flowers, and where are so many beautiful women whose virtues are comparable only to the dawn of a clear sky on a spring morning." (There must surely be some Irish in our Spanish brother's make-up.

Canada is carefully reviewed, the outstanding features of our meeting at Toronto ("the place of meeting") being detailed in five pages by W. Bro. F. A. McMullen. We make the following extracts from his review:

The veterans are reported to have been received by the other members of Grand Lodge "with tumultuous applause." (That was in Grand Lodge). Then real business began with the address of the Grand Master which was full of practical suggestions, and great with craft enthusiasm.

Grand Master thinks the initiation of eight members of one family in one day must be a record in Freemasonry. Under "Masonic Offences" he considers that too much leniency is being extended to Masons guilty of criminal offences.

One of the Deputies had a strenuous time. He visited every lodge in his district, save one, and in doing so travelled 2,978 miles by train, auto and boat. He learned to disregard the divisions of time taught by the 24-inch gauge. He thinks the ideal of a really successful visit to one or two lodges in distant parts is "where in going to bed you meet yourself getting up."

How many members, it asks, have ever had an opportunity of reading the volume of Grand Lodge proceedings? Committees labour to bring forth elaborate reports and reviews, which should not be reserved for the circumscribed audiences composed exclusively of Grand Lodge membership. The review of Fraternal Correspondence is too rich a storehouse to be locked up from the anxious seekers of Masonic knowledge.

He thus speaks of the review of 1923 repeating Canada's comment:

As to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This report is one of the best we have seen, the work being divided among the members of the committee. The general tenor is one of wise conservatism, and is decidedly antagonistic to the growing tendency which exists in many jurisdictions towards the recognition and fostering of organizations which draw their membership from the Craft Lodges.

The big volume of Texas suggests some wholesome humor:

At first sight, the Grand Lodge volume of Proceedings appears to be perpetrating a joke. It contains only 1,539 large pages, and the title page bears the injunction: "Ordered to be read in all the Lodges of this Jurisdiction for the information of the brethren." Viewing this seriously, one could almost imagine either wholesale applications for demits, or equally wholesale abstentions from attendance at all the 971 lodges under the aegis of Grand Lodge. Relief, however, is obtained when later on in the volume, one notes the suggestion that a synopsis might be prepared and read. Even a synopsis would take some reading, and the 128,880 brethren might be forgiven if all but the most "dyed-in-the-wool" Masons adopted one or the other of the reasons of those who, in the parable, "with one consent, began to make excuse."

In defence of the title Most Worshipful and Most Reverend, our colleague says under Wisconsin:

There is one little slip, however, which my good brother will, doubtless, pardon me for mentioning; it is one which many American reviewers make when referring to our Grand Master as the "Rev." C. O. L. Riley. The ascending character of ecclesiastical titles is recognized in the Protestant Episcopal Church of America, as it is in the parent body, the Church of England, and also in the Roman Catholic Church, the result being that an ecclesiastic of the dignity of an Archbishop is styled "Most Reverend." As the author of "The Etiquette of Freemasonry" observes, it is well to mark all these little matters of etiquette.

R.W. Brother J. D. Stevenson, P.D.G.M., Perth,
Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA

M.W. Bro. Clyde T. Dutton, Grand Master.

Special Communications were held to attend the funeral services of Past Grand Masters and to lay cornerstones of Court Houses, Schools and Churches throughout the State. Let us do likewise.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication was held at Parkersburg, November 11th, 1925. Thirteen Past Grand Masters present in the East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

The Grand Master in his address said:

Our associations from year to year have united us in ties of friendship and brotherly love that are not easily broken. May these ties be the more firmly cemented as we travel the pathway of life, in which we shall cherish the memory of scenes here enacted, and the fellowship whose fragrance shall grow sweeter and sweeter with the passing years.

In our own Jurisdiction the Scythe of Time has cut deep, and we are forced to record the passing of one of our Board of Trustees, and three of our most eminent and distinguished Past Grand Masters.

"Once loved and lost awhile," they have gone

"To the throne of Life Eternal, to the home of Love Supernal,
Where the Angel's feet make music over all the Starry floor,
Where they wait in peace to meet you, and with words of joy
to greet you,

And tell you of the glory that is theirs forevermore."

He refers to the lamented death of the late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. John M. Collins, whose successor was R.W. Bro. George S. Laidley, of whom he says:

Brother Laidley brings to the Office a rich experience in matters civic, educational and fraternal, and it would be unfair to him, were I not to say that he has conducted the affairs of the office in a highly proficient manner, as befitting one who has had long years of experience in such matters.

He issued an edict restoring a wrongfully accused Brother to full membership and also ordering that the lodge further refrain from again entertaining said charges against the Brother or making any reference whatsoever thereto, so completely had been the reversal of the trial vote, on reconsideration of the evidence.

The Eastern Star had contributed \$5,000 to the Masonic Home through the year and received their mede of grateful thanks.

Under Masonic Education the Grand Master said:

Would you entrust your legal affairs to one, who was proclaiming to the world the fact that he was engaged in that profession, and yet had failed to spend years in acquiring that intricate knowledge of our statutes so necessary to the successful practitioner? I think not.

Yet in our lodges, we are prone to turn the newly raised candidate adrift, insofar as regards any instruction and teaching in the work in which he is supposed to engage, is concerned, and it is a small percentage, indeed, who of their own accord, delve into the meaning of the degrees, and prepare themselves to hand down to posterity, in an intelligent manner, that which has been handed down to them "From Time Immemorial," yet many times in a perfunctory manner.

West Virginia will join the Masonic Service Association of the United States for the period of one year, to the end that its splendid program may be actually and fairly tried in our lodges.

He thus concludes:

This reminds us that we, too, have a bridge to build—a bridge at least for the future of Masonry, perhaps for the future of humanity. Let us build it strong, let us build it wide, so that those who come after us in the evening tide will cross safely over.

Many memorial pages with portraits are devoted to the Past Grand Masters and to Past Grand Secretary Collins, who had passed beyond the veils during the year.

Membership 32,976. Gain 752.

The Foreign Correspondence was placed in the hands of M.W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M. who makes an excellent first report as the successor of the venerable M.W. Bro. Atkinson, Deceased, of whom in his foreword he says:

He was so well equipped with his collegiate education, experience, as editor and publisher in youth, as historian, jurist and executive, with that great heart that beat in unison with all true interests of Masonry, that it was, to him, a source of pride and pleasure to review and keep in touch with Masonry throughout the world.

Few, indeed, have been the Masons in past history of the Order who were more extensively known and none more generally loved, and the pang at parting felt by West Virginia must find echo throughout the civilized world in breasts of many lovers of Masonry.

I resolved then to curtail or boil down until this report would through its brevity invite our brethren to read it, yet I soon found

too many choice flights to eliminate and I yielded to same as so many others and devoted more space to those reviewed later.

In any event, when it comes to others of the round table and they suffer the sad disappointment in not finding Brother Atkinson's contributions to Masonic literature, may we ask that they remember the writer as one of the many who still mourns the loss Masonry has sustained in his passing to that Grand Lodge on High, where heart meets heart in fields Elysian and finds the lost on earth revived in heaven.

Under Alberta we find this paragraph:

Personally we must agree with him in his criticism of so much publicity being given through the press of the transactions in lodges that are not supposed to solicit membership or cultivate desires in the profanes.

Canada for 1924 is fully reported, including Grand Master Drope's address, the report on Benevolence and the reports of the D.D.G.M's. He finds our review very thorough.

Under Canada, 1925, he quotes the welcoming address by the late lamented R.W. Bro. Cunningham in Hamilton and he speaks of the absence of the Grand Master and the preparation of his address by the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master.

He refers to the visit of Grand Master Drope to the Irish Homes in which he says:

The bright and happy faces of these children were sufficient proof of the efficiency of their foster home. * * * The Grand Lodge of Ireland is to be congratulated on the splendid work that is being achieved for the 200 children under their care.

He features with approval the presentation of Long Service Medals under the motion of Rev. Bro. Blagrove to the fifty years Rulers of the Craft; and of our review he says:

Bro. Ponton, reviews West Virginia and quotes from our Grand Master's address notes, decisions and rulings, and shares in the report of our Grand Lecturer. Of Bro. Atkinson's Report on Correspondence he takes note, and devotes thereto more than two pages with evident approval.

His comment under England is brief:

We regret not having had better access to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge that holds such prominent position in the Masonic world.

Michigan gives him the following in relation to a Canadian's welcome:

These exercises afforded splendid opportunity for that display of eloquent flow of brotherly love, and afforded also very interesting material for reflection upon the benefits derived from the mutual interest pervading Masonry in America.

The poet evidently was mistaken when he said that
The cold in clime are cold in blood,
Their love can scarce deserve the name.

And from North Dakota we take this paragraph which rings true:

This Grand Lodge has always stood in the forefront in preaching and practicing a deep and abiding love of our country and an unstinted loyalty to its institutions and government. * * * But we believe the solution lies not in circumscribing us about with more rules and regulations, but in an aroused public sentiment for those things which are right and good.

A. B. C. Bray, Ronceverte, M.W. Grand Master.

George S. Laidley, Charleston, R.W. Grand Secretary

WISCONSIN

M.W. Brother Frank Johnson, Grand Master.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication was held in Milwaukee, June 9th, 1925.

From the Grand Master's interesting decisions we take the following:

Has a lodge the right to make a donation to a Young Men's Christian Association.

Answer—No.

Can the ballot be taken in any other manner than the regular ballot box?

Answer—No.

Would it be proper to confer part of the E.A. degree upon several candidates one evening and then finish the work on a later evening.

Answer—No. It would not be proper and ought not to be sanctioned.

In conferring the Master Mason degree, at the request of the candidate, could the word "swear" in the obligation be changed in his case to "affirm"?

Answer—No.

Of Masonic funerals he says:

It should be noted that the Masonic services should be completed at the grave, the commitment made there, and no services given there after the Masonic services are completed. If other services are desired or given they should be before the Masonic services.

But what about a soldier's funeral and Last Post?

With regard to the Fraternal Correspondence which he commends to be carefully read, he says:

Brother Aldro Jenks is generally known and recognized among the Masonic writers of the United States as one of the best of the Foreign Correspondents of the Grand Lodges of the country and his reports are always interesting and of great value to the Craft.

He had several interesting experiences during the year, among them the following:

In one lodge a prominent Mason, the father of four boys, had raised to the M.M. degree all of them and had installed three of them as Worshipful Master of the same lodge.

His report is a business-like document.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters actively co-operated in the administration of Grand Lodge.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. Charles A. Adams.

Chartered lodges 295. Membership 54,827. Net gain 2,463.

Congratulations were wired to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on the occasion of their jubilee.

Cash on hand for Masonic Home, \$71,829. Investment as trust funds for Home \$220,781.

The Committee say:

Numerous visitors from other states have called, and many words of commendation have come from them as to the buildings, furnishings, equipment, management, and surroundings of our Home and Hospital.

The Committee on Masonic Research presents an interesting report, the quality of which the following extracts will indicate:

Our wonderful ritual is a repository in which are stored treasures of great value.

Every Worshipful Master ought to deliver at least a few talks each year on the symbolism and philosophy of Freemasonry. He is expected to give the Craft proper instruction. Until every Master really does qualify as being able to expound the symbolism and philosophy of Freemasonry and understands that which he professes to teach, we cannot expect efficiency.

The travelling libraries have proven quite satisfactory, twelve sets having been circulated.

The Service Bureau placed 752 applications in positions during the year.

The Obituary Committee close with this commingling of life and death:

He said, "Let her alone, she hath done what she could." Get those words, brothers, "Done what she could." Are we, brethren? We are not asked to do great things, things that require a large degree of ability, but only that lie within the range of our ability and opportunity. What a tremendous fountain of good influence we might become if every Mason would only do what he could to magnify the great principles that underlie Our Fraternity. Brethren, we can do no less than this. We are not required to do more.

A fine foundation for fruitful work has been laid by this Grand Lodge in the following resolution:

Be It Resolved, By the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of Wisconsin, that a board of nine trustees be and hereby is created, for the purposes of encouraging charity, benevolence, education and philanthropy, and of securing greater uniformity of purposes, powers and duties of administration in the management and control of property given, devised or bequeathed for charitable, benevolent, educational or philanthropic purposes, and that such board of trustees or any corporation to be organized by them for the purposes herein provided may accept gifts, devises and bequests of property for the uses and purposes, and with the powers and duties, hereinafter set forth, which board of trustees and successor corporation, if any, and the property so held shall constitute and be known as the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, to be administered, managed and dealt with as herein provided.

Many memorial pages are devoted to deceased brethren of whom Wisconsin has lost 637 during the year.

R.W. Bro. Henry Rush, an honored veteran of the Craft in Peterborough, represents Wisconsin.

M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks writes his twenty-eighth report.

He says under Alabama :

Among the decisions we find one that reads: "Masonry does not exclude a citizen of Japan on account of his nationality." This decision should remove all cause for complaint on the part of Japan that their citizens are being discriminated against by Americans. Another declares: "It is not a Masonic offence to worship in a Catholic Church." No discrimination there either!

Under British Columbia he says:

We have no fault to find with any of these decisions. Of course, the Master ought not to exclude a member of his lodge simply because some other member does not wish to sit in lodge with him. If, however, the Brother objected to is not a member of the lodge and merely desires to attend as a visitor the case is different; in such case the rights and wishes of a member are superior to those of a visitor. Again there are circumstances where the Master of a Lodge may require a member of his lodge in good standing to retire or refuse to admit him and be within his prerogatives.

And again he adds this contribution to the discussion that is going on regarding the A. and A. Rite in other Jurisdictions:

This trifling defect did not disturb the committee, however, which recommended further that anyone who received the degrees worked by the A. & A. Rite "in countries where the Ritual of the Scottish Rite is or has been used," should be acknowledged as legitimate, "in the interest of Masonic comity." We are at a loss to know how Masonic comity is to be furthered by association with those who are not Masons."

There is nothing to say concerning the logical soundness of our Brother's conclusions; nevertheless, where a Grand Lodge and its subordinates are in possession of and communicating the Masonic work in a Masonic manner there must come a time when some kind of a Masonic statute of limitation must be applied and no questions be asked as to the legitimacy of its birth. The right of the people of the United States and of Canada to the lands they occupy rests upon no other or firmer foundation. The writer is not a member of the A. & A. S. R. and has striven long and earnestly against this conclusion but it has been forced upon us. Either this must be done or Masonic chaos must ensue.

The District of Columbia gives our confrère opportunity for contribution to somewhat controversial topics on which he has strong views. We Canadians are not so much worried by the Ku Klux Klan, and Protestants and Catholics are fairly good fellow citizens together. In any event we do not agree in calling the Church a "sect."

He took steps to retard the accessions to the Ku Klux from ranks of Masonry, and to disclaim any connection whatever between

Masonry and the Klan. We do not see how he could do otherwise. We are convinced that an armed and organized enemy is in our midst, and that there is danger of a repetition of the massacre of St. Bartholomew, and that some kind of a klan may be needed for protection, but a masked klan affords an easy means of imitation on the part of criminals, which is enough to warn us.

We think our brother's fears of there being some day a repetition of the St. Bartholomew massacre are unnecessary. Such an act would be foreign to this day and age. It will never occur so long as the members of the sect that caused that affair are only one-fifth or one-sixth of our population, which is the present condition of affairs. Besides there are very few of that sect that are sufficiently bigoted and fanatical to indulge in such a horror, even if they had the power. They are far more likely to endeavor to accomplish their purposes by indirection and propaganda.

New York receives full and special comment:

Under the guidance of a special committee the New York legislature adopted a penal law for the state making it unlawful for any person to use or wear a Masonic emblem or insignia unless he is a regular Mason. The committee is about to institute legal proceedings to revoke the charters and stop the activities of organizations that are not genuinely Masonic.

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This seems to be the situation in nearly every Grand Lodge having a Masonic Home. Accommodations that were thought to be adequate to meet all demands for many years are soon found to be entirely inadequate.

The Report on Correspondence comprises only 90 pages and is the work of the committee, Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer being the chairman. The committee gets twelve hundred dollars per annum for its work and earns it all.

Under South Carolina we find this cluster of gems:

In his peroration he quotes Robert Louis Stevenson's words:

"That man who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it; whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and gave the best he had; whose memory is a benediction."

He then says

"It will not be difficult for us to live up to this ideal during the coming year if we resolve to do our best each day, and to serve our country not only as Masons, but as real Americans, as true South Carolinians."

We have read somewhere that "he that ruleth himself is greater than he that taketh a city." It may appear to some that it is an easy thing to live up to one's ideals, but we have read of many that have taken cities but who were unable to "gain the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children." Still it is well to have high ideals and endeavor to live up to them, even though we may know that in the end we will certainly fall short of their accomplishment. We are apt to live on a higher plane than the one who does not attempt to attain high standards.

Canada has escaped our colleague's notice.

In his conclusion he says as to public activities:

Usually such measures have been recommended for favorable legislative action as the result of sentiment and on the spur of the moment without serious discussion or consideration of the various features of the matter. The tendency is a dangerous one and should be avoided. We refuse to recognize foreign Grand Lodges that permit the discussion of political questions in their lodges; why trespass in this behalf ourselves?

Fred J. Marien, Milwaukee, Grand Master.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING

John Ira Kirby, M.W. Grand Master.

Many Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held for constituting lodges and for laying corner-stones, one of the County High School at Casper, one of the new Court House at Kemmerer, one of the new High School in Sheridan, etc. Let us in Canada try to re-establish this time-honored function of the Craft of Builders.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Sheridan, 19th August, 1925, with 13 Past Grand Masters present in the East.

In this Grand Lodge as in others, the Flag is always honored:

The Grand Marshal retired and returned with the "Stars and Stripes" and presented it to the Grand Master who ordered it placed in the Grand East, while the brethren sang "America".

A vignette of the Grand Master accompanies his annual address in which he says:

This is true not only in our largely increasing membership, but

in the greater influence and respect the Order commands in every community where lodges are located.

Of the George Washington Memorial Monument he speaks thus, having been a visitor at the great gathering held at Alexandria:

When the last stone is set and the architect steps aside, it will not only stand out as a monument to Washington, the Mason, and his achievements, but also as a monument to the great principles of Masonry and what those principles have accomplished in establishing and maintaining our present form of government. It will also be a shrine about which Masons may gather from this as well as foreign lands.

Among his rulings we find the following:

The initiate becomes a member of the lodge when the third degree has been conferred upon him and his dues commence the following month. The Secretary will not issue a receipt for said dues nor is such member entitled to vote or hold office until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in the third degree lecture.

Having ruled that a candidate who has an artificial cork leg to the hip and able to use it, was unable to comply with the requirements with his own body, and therefore was not eligible, Grand Lodge set aside the ruling which was not approved. This is in accord with modern progressive thought.

A form of Flag ceremony is suggested by the Grand Master.

Membership 7,469. Increase 262.

Bro. Longley, Bishop of Iowa, gave an inspiring address on "The Spiritual Values of Freemasonry" at the great gathering of the Masonic Service Association.

From the report on the Committee of Jurisprudence we take this paragraph:

Our opinion is that the strict construction formerly observed with reference to the matter of physical deformity in determining the eligibility of a candidate should not be adhered to, so that said Landmarks, for us, should be understood as meaning no more than that the candidate must be physically able to comply with all our ritualistic ceremonies, though it is sufficient if he can do so awkwardly or with difficulty or by the aid of an artificially substituted hand or leg; and must be able to honestly acquire the means of sustenance notwithstanding his deformity.

In presenting a gold jewel to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Hoop said in golden speech:

It was the custom of the First Emperor to summon from the ranks an officer or soldier of conspicuous gallantry and as a reward for his heroism, pin upon his breast the Cross of the Legion of Honor. Past Grand Master Kirby, we have summoned you to this Altar to fix upon you the sign and seal of the love, veneration and esteem of your brethren, the symbol of the exalted station from which you have just retired. The purity of its metal and the brilliancy of its gem represents the earnest and genuine love and affection prompting its bestowal. May you live long and happily to wear it in the councils of the Order.

The Correspondence Report is well written by M.W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, who is also Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. Richard H. Repath is Grand Librarian.

Bro. Lowndes presents his 12th annual.

Under California he says:

Your committee believes that it is apparent to all that Craft Masonry suffers by reason of these organizations, and that a repetition of the abuses called to our attention by the Grand Master will finally result in disciplinary action by this Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge has no connection with, or control over, such associations. The Grand Lodge feels it is more of a duty of the individual members to promote the interest of these associations, than it is for it to advance their cause.

He gives an appreciative review of Canada and says of and quotes from the Grand Master's address as follows:

The Grand Master finds there is too much leniency extended to Masons, who are guilty of criminal offences, and he says: "While Masons are not perfect men and there are sure to be some black sheep, but in order to preserve the Order pure and unsullied, it should be purged of all offenders against the laws of God or man." He concludes his address with the following:

"Harmony, prosperity, and progress have put their seal upon our beloved institution, and all goes well.

We have a mission in this world. Let us prove worthy of the trust. This is a good world. Let us all strive to make it better.

Of our review he is kind enough to say:

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Ponton, who reviewed sixty-two Grand Lodges. His report is well written and complete in its details and Wyoming has about six pages covering the year 1923. He quotes the requisites of this Grand Jurisdiction for the recognition of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Under Colorado he quotes the poem with its well known verses. We share it again with our Brethern who may not have access to it:

"A fire-mist and a planet,
A crystal and a cell—
A jelly-fish and a saurian
And caves where cave men dwell;
Then a sense of law and beauty,
And a face turned from the clod—
Some call it evolution,
And others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty—
A mother starved for her brood—
Socrates drinking the hemlock,
And Jesus on the rood;
And millions who, humble and nameless,
The straight, hard pathway trod—
Some call it consecration,
And others call it God."

Under Massachusetts he says:

American Masonry must not fail.

Brother Joseph Fort Newton, in that masterly and heart-searching address at Chicago on the evening of Armistice Day, said, "Humanity realizes now as never before that God has tied us together for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, forever." Here we are, then, on this little world which has shriveled up to the size of a small, uneasy, nasty, disagreeable neighborhood.

Texas gives him the following prose and verse:

We are very much pleased to have such an able man as Bro. Randall as our representative, but owing to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Wyoming does not have a representative system we are unable to account why he should have the distinction, but we appreciate very much that Bro. Randall is the one who would represent us if we had this system, as we know he is a fine fellow and a very active Mason.

"If you can stoop to raise a fallen brother,
And start him on the Road of Hope again;
If you can know yourself to be a lover
Of honor, though obscured by cloud and rain;
If you can hear the call of grief and sadness
From your distressed, discouraged fellow-man,
And change his tears to laughter and to gladness,
Then you're 'a Mason, brother, and a Man."

His conclusion is too good to sandwich, we therefore give it all:

Many jurisdictions are following the lead of the Masonic Service Association by publishing a magazine and bulletins to be sent to the subordinate lodges. Educational Committees are being appointed and every effort used to educate the Craft in the meaning of Masonry, and the way to live it. We are glad to see this being done as it will stimulate our membership and make better Masons.

Several jurisdictions have passed legislation prohibiting its Master Masons from petitioning the "Higher Bodies" until a certain period of time has elapsed after taking the third degree and an examination as to proficiency passed. It would seem best to us if this legislation came from the "Higher Bodies" themselves.

One Grand Master welcomed his distinguished visitors by calling them the "BIG MASONS". This is one reason why the conscientious Masons are beginning to think that the profane only consider the "Three Degrees" as the gate-way to Masonry and it is a "BIG MASON" they want to be, their only desire is to reach the "66th" by the easiest route. What is to become of the "Blue Lodge Mason" if this attitude to Masonry should grow? Are we making "Masons" or are we just sprouting a plant that is to "bloom" when it reaches the "steenth degree?"

The writer has every respect for those organizations which draw their membership from the Masonic ranks, as there are many beautiful lessons taught and the aim of most of them is to make "BETTER MASONS", not "bigger ones". I know this, because I belong to some of them.

The Grand Jurisdiction of New York has authorized its lodges to present Holy Bibles to its initiates, and is publishing copies for that purpose. Several states have given permission to their lodges to present Bibles if they care to do so. This seems to be a wise movement and one that will bring credit to the Craft. Many of us are drifting too far away from that Good Book that lies upon our Altars.

The Fifty-second Communication will be held at Casper 3rd Wednesday August, 1926.

Frank S. Knittle, Casper, Grand Master.

Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, Grand Secretary.

POSTLUDE

In view of our Annual Meeting being this year held at Port Arthur and Fort William, the Gateways of the West on the great unsalted Seas, the outlets of the granary of the Empire, our field of the cloth of gold and wheat, it will not be thought inappropriate or unfitting that the fine song "Where Does the West Begin" should be adapted to the wise, gentle and creative Craft universal whose greatest gift to all its members chosen of the true, is that genial and generous friendship which makes life so abundantly worth while. Enjoyment flowers in fellowship and light.

"Right where the handclasp's a little stronger,
Right where the smile dwells a little longer,

That's where the Craft comes in.

There's where the sun is a little brighter,
Folks treat each other a little whiter,
And the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,

That's where the Craft comes in.

Over the Temple the skies seem bluer,
Friendship within it a little truer,

For that's where the Craft comes in.

There's a breath from God like a fresh breeze blowing,
There's a stream of happiness, banks o'erflowing,
And the richest reaping from patient sowing—

That's where the Craft comes in.

When children's lives are in the making,
Or someone's heart with grief is aching,

That's where the Craft comes in.

Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,
Where there's more of giving and less of buying,
And the strong to help the weak are trying,

That's where the Craft comes in."

May we all of the League of Good Cheer be million-
aires in dividends paid in the love of friends.

So mote it be!

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON,

P.G.M.

Belleville, July, 1926.



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